



CRACKER CRUMBS



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

March 2019

A Note From Our President

I want to send thanks and congratulations to everyone supporting the recent annual meeting and for attending the meetings to discuss and understand the issues. It was one of the shortest annual meetings and included a 15-minute break to stretch our legs.

A lot of time and energy was expended in developing proposals for the By-Laws and Standing Rules and attending meetings to discuss the issues. It showed in the clarity of proposals and a relatively short agenda. Bob Lewis deserves special credit for moving the committee reports to the town hall meeting, which shortened the annual meeting to less than 3 hours.

I am also indebted to Bob Lewis for mentoring me for two years by sharing his experience and knowledge from years as a fire chief. Thank you, Bob.

Frank King

Board Members

- President**..... Frank King, A-15
- Vice-President** Ed Landry, A-35
- Secretary** Anne Warren, H-18
- Treasurer**..... Pat Dubuc, A-34
- Ass't Treasurer**..... Jim Krueger, H-20
- At Large**..... Bud Hodgkins, H-10
- At Large**..... Bob Lewis, A-13



Sunday, March 10



Volunteers Needed!

The Planning Committee and the Building Maintenance and Improvement Committee need volunteers to step up to the plate.

Consider where you can make a contribution and attend one of these meetings. Both meet next Friday, March 8.

Planning at 9 am

Building Maintenance and Improvement at 11 am

For more information about either of these committees see Board Liaison Ed Landry, H-35



Board Meeting Tuesday, March 12 9:30 am

Something on Your Mind?

Frank King plans on being in the clubhouse during the week for anyone who has a question or just wants to talk.

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A Tribute to Phoebe

by Janet Gibson for Fun 'n Sun Board



On February 4, 2019, Phoebe Bollin retired as our Fun 'n Sun President. I thought it only fitting to do a little review of all her accomplishments as the spearhead of many projects that included cleaning, painting and renovation of the clubhouse adding new cabinets; organizing the storage room; gathering many guest speakers; park historical canvas prints, Christmas parades; serving as DJ and organizing and playing music for our dancing pleasure; organizing pictures for the archives; and birthday parties including the big 30th this year. The list could go on and on.

So all we can say is a BIG THANK YOU. You did a terrific job. Enjoy retirement; you earned it!



CO-OP Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2019-20 Board positions were filled as follows:

- President..... Frank King
- Vice-President..... Ed Landry
- Secretary..... Anne Warren
- Treasurer..... Pat Dubuc
- Asst. Treasurer Jim Krueger
- Members at Large . Bud Hodgkins
Bob Lewis



L-R 1st row: Anne Warren, Pat Dubuc, Jim Krueger, 2nd row Ed Landry, Bob Lewis, Bud Hodgkins, Frank King.

Seven proposals were presented for a vote. By-law changes and assessments require a 2/3 yes vote of the entire membership which is 84 yes votes. Standing rule changes require a simple majority of members which is 64 yes votes.

A quorum was established by the 67 members present and 34 proxies received for a total of 101 of the 126 members represented.

Proposal 1—By-Law Change
Move the annual meeting to the first Tuesday in March **FAILED 43 Yes**

Proposal 2—By-Law Change
Include an updated list of committees **PASSED 93 Yes**

Proposal 3—Standing Rule
Amend that members as well as non-members cannot feed the wildlife. **PASSED 90 Yes**
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Capital Improvement Fund Passed What's Next?

by Frank King

Now that the Capital Improvement Fund has been approved by the membership, we can continue to evaluate and develop plans to upgrade park-owned rental sites to full-service, park-owned sites that will not be converted to member sites. If the engineering plans show the project to be feasible, the membership will vote to approve the project before moving forward.

If the membership approves, it will then result in an assessment of each membership \$240 for the Capital Improvement Fund while providing a \$240 credit and increasing members' lot values by \$240.

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Proposal 4—Standing Rule
Remove requirement to have liability and damage insurance for any vehicle in storage on file in the office. **PASSED 91 Yes**

Proposal 5—Standing Rules
Amend the Wait List Rules to update, simplify and clarify the present rules. **PASSED 91 Yes**

Proposal 6—Standing Rules
Continue the variance to allow longer rental periods until March 31, 2020. **PASSED 88 Yes**

Proposal 7—Capital Improvement Fund
Assess each membership \$240 for the Capital Improvement Fund while providing a \$240 credit and increasing members' lot values by \$240. **PASSED Yes 86**

It was moved and approved to designate the Clubhouse Founders' Hall and for Fun 'n Sun to purchase an appropriate plaque to place in the main hall.

This annual meeting went on record as one of the shortest in under 3 hours.

Report on the Occupancy of the Clubhouse

by Marsha Hodgkins

The Emergency and Safety Committee reported on February 12 the maximum occupancy and the maximum building capacity of the Clubhouse as determined by Hardee County Fire Prevention Officer Juanita Gaitan.

Officer Gaitan met with representatives of the committee, Bud and Marsha Hodgkins, on February 11 to give the official word on how many people we could have in the clubhouse for meals and meetings. In the newly named Founders' Hall, with tables and chairs for dining or meetings, the maximum occupancy is 208. Changing the size of the stage, or 'platform' as the FD refers to it, would not make any difference. We have not exceeded that at any of our meals or meetings.

A new occupancy sign for Founders' Hall will be remounted above the door.



A new Fun 'n Sun Board was elected at the February 4 meeting.

- Co-Chair Cathy Landry A-35
- Co-Chair Susan Wszalek S-02
- Secretary June Post H-21
- Treasurer Janet Gibson G-12
- At-Large Lanette Breault A-31
Rose Irons F-10
Jan Pratt H-09



L-R 1st row: Susan Wszalek, Cathy Landry, Janet Gibson, 2nd Row Rose Irons, June Post, Lanette Breault. Missing; Jan Pratt

March Special Events

DANNY'S FAMOUS



Friday, March 8 ~ 5 pm

Tickets: \$8

Fried Fish French Fries
Beans Cole Slaw
Dessert

Bring your own place setting.

Tickets on sale until
Wednesday, March 6

from Fun 'n Sun Leadership

Cathy LandryA-35	Lanette Breault . A-31
Susan Wszalek.....S-02	Rose Irons.....F-10
Janet Gibson G-12	Jane Lewis.....A-13
June Post.....H-21	



St. Patrick's Day

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Serving at 5 pm

Tickets \$8

Monday, March 18

Tickets on sale

Monday, March 4, -Wednesday, March 13

from Fun 'n Sun Leadership

Cathy Landry.....A-35	June Post H-21
Susan WszalekS-02	Lanette Breault A-31
Janet Gibson..... G-12	Rose IronsF-10

Bring your own place setting.

Dance at 6:30 pm

Live Music by Bobby Remp

Open to Everyone

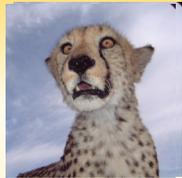


Ceremony & Campfire

Saturday, March 16 ~ 7 pm

Fire ring in green space
across from the clubhouse.

Bring any worn out flags you want to retire.
and a chair.



African Adventures

Thursday, March 7

2:30 pm

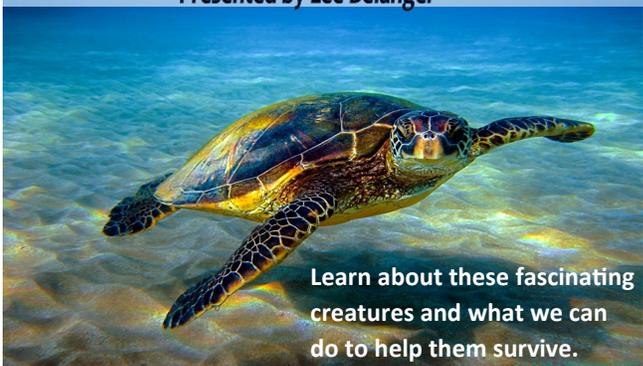
Robert Mellis will be sharing the extraordinary time he and Jo shared in Namibia, Africa, when he served as a mentor to local journalists.

Using a slide presentation, Robert will be sharing the things they learned about the country, people, customs and animals they encountered during their stay totaling 11 months over four visits.

Sea Turtle Hurdles

Wednesday, March 13 ~ 2:30 pm

Presented by Lee Belanger



Learn about these fascinating creatures and what we can do to help them survive.

Friday, March 22 ~ 12 pm

Stuffed Baked Potato Lunch



Includes Choice of Toppings

Chili, Bacon, Broccoli, Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter

Dessert & Iced Tea

\$6

Sign up in Clubhouse

followed by

THE GLAD HATTERS

ENTERTAINERS

This vibrant group of theatre volunteers is the senior arm of Highlands Little Theatre and enjoys making people laugh. Come see what this popular group is presenting from their repertoire of skits, songs, and jokes on this return trip to our park.

The Glad Hatters performance is open to everyone.

March Monthly Events

Skrettes

Amazing Grace



Tea House

300 E Main St.
Downtown Wauchula
Across the side street entrance
post office parking lot.

Friday, March 15

Meet at the restaurant at 12:30 pm

Sign up in Clubhouse.



Romeos

Friday, March 15

meet at 11 am at

BEEF O' BRADY'S

★ GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS ★

2940 US Highway 27 N, Sebring

Info: Earl Cooper A-04

330-608-8341

Sign up in Clubhouse



"Ecology of a Cracker Childhood"

by Janisse Ray

Friday, March 15 ~ 1 pm

The themes of this book include Ray's dismay at the disappearance of the longleaf pine ecosystem due to over-logging, and how Ray and her family persevered through poverty living in the dusty remains of what was once forest. Ray describes growing up in a junkyard operated by her parents in southern Georgia.

The book alternates between Ray's fascinating family life and her description of plants and animals now endangered without the pines. Ray's life is not unlike that of the Florida Crackers, the original Florida settlers.

The book is a quick read, funny in parts, and leaves one with a better understanding of both poverty and our environment.

Wine 'n Cheese Get Together



Tuesday, March 12 ~ 5:30 pm

Enjoy the sunset while visiting.

Boxed white & red wine, iced tea,
and cheese will be provided.

Bring a chair and beverage of choice if you prefer.

Hosted by Joe & Lee Belanger

Site: H-28



Monday, March 4 - 9:15 am

Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

Wednesday, March 6
meet at 1 pm at



4731 Lakeview Drive, Sebring

Sign up in Clubhouse

Info: Leigh Ann Cooper A-04



Sunday, March 24 ~ 2 pm

Vanilla Ice Cream

w/Praline Sauce

\$2 pp

Sign up in Clubhouse

Weekly Activities

Monday Breakfast
7:50 am

Ala Carte Menu



Weekly Announcements 9:00 am

Line Dancing



Mondays ~ 10:30 am

Last class of season ~ March 18

\$2 / week

Instructor: Pam from Crytal Lake

Movie Night
Tuesdays ~ 7 pm

50¢ for movie & popcorn



BYOB

Bring Your Own Bowl

Weekly Activities

March Crafts

Friday at 9 am

March 1

Introduction to Needle Felting
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

March 8

Card Stitching with a St. Patrick's Theme
Instructor: Lanette Breault A-31

Whirligig Class Re-do

Instructor: Bob Iles G-09

March 15

Create a Suncatcher
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

March 22

Make a Ceramic Trivet
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

March 29

Hospital Favors w/Spring Theme
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10



Tuesdays ~ 1 pm

Join Us for Golf!
Sunday, 10:30 am



The Bluffs

Rt. 17, Zolfo Springs

\$20 Green Fees for 9 Holes

Ladies, Men, Members & Visitors
All Welcome!

Sign Up in Clubhouse

Contact: Nelson or Ann Castle H-19

Pickleball



Palm Lane here at park

Wednesday & Saturday

9:00 am



Wednesday ~ 7 pm

\$3.00

iPhone Chat and Learn Group



Wednesdays ~ 9 am

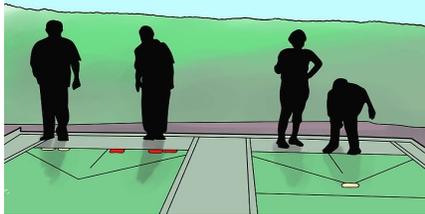
March 6, 13, 20

Learn some iPhone basics and share your knowledge with others. Questions? Lee Belanger H-28

Shuffleboard

Mon - Sat @ 1 pm

For More Info
Kenny Breault A-31



Thursday

10:00 am

\$9 for 3 Games
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun

943 S 6th Ave
Downtown Wauchula

All Welcome!

March Monday Programs 9:15 am

March 4

Fun 'n Sun Meeting

March 18

Rachel Lovett
Compassionate Care Hospice

"Papers You Need
Before a Serious Illness"

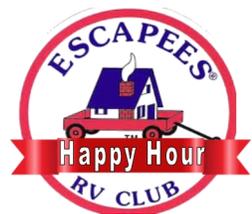
You may want to take notes as we learn about important papers one must have to lessen the burden on survivors. Also learn about their services for in and out of state people should we need their help.

March 25

Amy Harper
Hardee County Help Center

Learn about who they are as a center, how they screen recipients, and their partnership with Salvation Army. Learn ways we may further help the Center and specific needs in the food pantry.

Meet & Greet



Mon-Wed-Fri ~ 4 pm

Clubhouse

Wine B4 Dine

Thursday ~ 4:00 pm

Poolside Patio

Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share.

On the Home Front

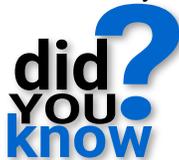
Introducing a New Monthly Feature

Although a copy of the Co-op by-laws and standing rules is available on our website or a hard copy is available from the office, a tip of the hat goes to anyone who has actually read them in their entirety or remember what they are.

As time passes, some of us have become memory-challenged, and perhaps you feel that way, too.

To help us all be good citizens of our community, a by-law or standing rule will be highlighted each month as a reminder of not only our rights but our responsibilities to be members in good standing.

Our by-laws read:



"Members are encouraged to put their site in the rental pool during their absence. This is not only to help defray operating expenses but also to provide an opportunity for a fellow SKP to enjoy our Resort (caring and sharing). A maximum of \$599 may accrue as credit against the member's maintenance fee for the following year."

*From the pen of Ben Franklin...
Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.*

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 available via email for free.

NEW MEMBER



Mike & Tammy Milliard, G-25

by June Post

Did you get to meet Mike and Tammy Milliard while they were here on their site, G25, for a couple of weeks in January? Unfortunately, Mike and Tammy had to return to WORK and SNOW in their hometown, York, Maine, but they hope to be with us again for a vacation this summer. They feel that camping has added a whole new dimension to their life, with more opportunities to spend time with family, especially with Mike's brother and sister-in-law, Norman and Laurie Milliard, who used to live across the country in Seattle, and with his parents, Norm and Ginny Milliard.

Mike met Tammy in Maine while she was working as a caregiver for an elderly woman. Mike previously lived in Connecticut where he grew up but moved to Tammy's hometown of York, Maine, when the couple married nearly 15 years ago. At the time, Mike was working flipping houses, but soon joined Lowe's as a manager while the couple raised their 3 sons. More recently, Mike has joined Tammy in selling real estate, which allows them to have free time together.

Tammy enjoys arts and crafts; Mike jogs; and they both love camping, biking, beach time, pickle ball, and reading.

*Birthdays Mike 12/13, Tammy 12/21
Anniversary 7/16*

NEW MEMBER



Doug Cowham & Mary Walker, G-26

by June Post

Doug Cowham and Marilyn ("Mary") Walker are new leaseholders, as of January. If Doug's last name sounds familiar, you are correct. Doug's parents are Harvey and Shirley Cowham, Lot A-03. The couple has homes in both Middleville, MI, and Port Charlotte, FL. This season, their lot has been in the rental pool, but they plan to bring their toy-hauler fifth wheel down from Michigan next year.

Doug and Mary both grew up in Wyoming – not the state. It's a town in Michigan, where they attended the same school but a few years apart. They've known each other for many years but have been together for only about 7 years following the loss of their respective spouses. They even worked for 25 years at the same company, Keeblers, in Michigan and sometimes refer to themselves as "Elves". Since their retirement, they have traveled to Alaska, to Hawaii, Florida and have taken many camping trips.

Doug's hobbies include hunting (often with his dad, uncles, and other family in Michigan's Upper Peninsula) and fishing. Mary enjoys sewing and watching her grandchildren play sports. Together, the two like to bicycle, camp, and play cards with friends.

Birthdays Doug 12/20, Mary 3/7

On the Home Front

As requested, the recipe for the dessert served at the spaghetti dinner.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF Jan Pratt

RECIPE Fluffy Cheesecake

- 1 sleeve graham crackers, crushed
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. butter, melted
- 1 c. boiling water
- 3 oz. lemon jello
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 can Milnot or Carnation evaporated milk COLD

1. Mix graham cracker crumbs with 1/4 c. of sugar and the butter. (Reserve 1/4—1/3 c of crumbs for top.)
2. Place in 9 x 13 glass or metal pan.
3. Dissolve jello in boiling water, stirring until dissolved then set in freezer until it starts to set.

4. Have cream cheese at room temperature. Mix with 1 c. sugar and vanilla.
5. Mix into jello mixture.
6. Whip COLD canned milk until very thick.
7. Fold jello/cheese mixture into the whipped milk.
8. Pour over crust. Sprinkle with reserved graham cracker crumbs.
9. Place in refrigerator or freezer until set.

Happy Birthday Birthday Wishes

- 3/3 John Ray
- 3/6 Norman Milliard the Younger
- 3/10 Vera Greene
- 3/11 Arlene Krueger
- 3/13 Richard Frenz
- 3/14 Ray Heaton
- 3/15 Helen Frenz
- 3/16 Elinor Gooding
- 3/16 Tony Pettinato
- 3/17 Paula Jones
- 3/18 Cathy Landry
- 3/19 Rita Molitor
- 3/29 Dale Schmidtendorff



3/15 John & Noretta Ray



The Many Benefits of Hugging

- It helps the body's immune system.
- It cures depression.
- It reduces stress.
- It's rejuvenating.
- It has no unpleasant side effects.
- It is God's miracle drug!
- It is all natural, it contains no chemicals, artificial ingredients, no pesticides, and no preservatives
- Hugging is practically perfect.

There are no parts to break down, no monthly payments, non-taxable, non-polluting, and of course...It's fully returnable!



Hardee County Emergency Numbers

- Life Threatening 911
- Hardee County Animal Control (863) 773-2320
(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

Departure

by Safety Committee

Check lists are an excellent tool for packing your RV, hitching up, or packing for a trip, especially if it is something you do infrequently.



We are in the process of creating a list to help members prepare their sites and RVs for their summer absence.

Here is the start of our list. What have we missed? What do you do? Send your suggestions to the Office Attn: Safety Committee.

- Trim any vegetation that could interfere with mowing.
- Check shed for leaks, and any loose shingles/siding. Repair before leaving if possible.
- Close, lock windows and cover with reflective material if desired.

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- Remove detached steps, potted plants & other outdoor items which could move in a storm.
- Protect items in sheds, tied-down rigs and park models from humidity.
- Empty refrigerator and cupboards of food items which may spoil.
- Turn off propane.
- If you leave electricity on, be sure appliances and other electric cords are in good condition and circuits are not overloaded.
- Remove items which could melt during the summer heat. (candles, medicines)
- Close and lock hurricane shutters.
- Seal cracks and crevices to keep rodents from moving in.



Friday, April 5
Ham/Bean & Turkey Noodle Soup Lunch

Wednesday, April 10
SKPettes to Chicanes
Romeos to Homers

Sunday, April 21
Easter Dinner



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