



# CRACKER CRUMBS



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

December 2019

## From Our President

Welcome back everyone and it is great to be back ourselves. Some of the board and the members in residence have worked during the summer and have made good progress and we have a head start on the season. The painters, Clubhouse workers and others have done a marvelous job on the hallway, front office, laundry room and other areas. I like the new colors; very classy and fresh looking. The hedges in the front are looking fine, too. Thanks to all for your good work. The new gutters and downspouts appear very functional and large enough to do the job to keep water away from the top and bottom of the clubhouse walls.

Committees are getting busy and planning projects for the coming months, so we'll be looking for ideas and volunteers before too long with more maintenance and improvements to our park. I am pleased that the roof seems a lot cleaner this year, as expected as it ages, and it should also be easier to clean.

*Frank King*

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**Monday, December 2, 2019**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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## Board of Directors' Meetings

**Tues, Dec 3 ~ 9:30 am**



Proposed 2020 Budget  
Presented to the Board  
and distributed to members.

**Tues, Dec 10 ~ 9:30 am**

Monthly Board Meeting

**Tues, Dec 17 ~ 9:30 am**

Adoption of the Budget



## Conducting Business

### Christmas Mail

When you are sending Christmas cards via the Co-op mail boxes, please include site numbers on the envelopes.

### Travel Plans?

Let the office know when you are leaving and when you plan to return...even if it's just for one night. This information is important in the event of an emergency.

### Borrowing Park Equipment

It is imperative that equipment being borrowed from the maintenance shed or the kitchen be **signed out, returned in a timely fashion, and signed back in.** You never know when a paid maintenance person needs what you have borrowed and can't find it hindering their work.

### Please Be Considerate

With all the demands that are placed on the office, Heather does an admirable job of getting the work done. Your patience and understanding about how she must prioritize the workload is appreciated.

### Propane Delivery Day Changed

Coker's propane delivery day has been changed to every other **Wednesday**. The sign up for delivery of propane is on the bulletin board to the right of the office window. Delivery is only made to motor homes.

### Members' Guests

If you have guests spending the night, a reminder that it is your responsibility to fill out guest registration form BEFORE their arrival.

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## Conducting Business

### Mail Pick Up

Mail is available after 3 pm and needs to be picked up daily. Our boxes are small, and there is not room in the office to store mail. **If mail is not picked up in a week, it will be returned to sender.**

If you are leaving the park for a short time, your mail will be held. However, you must notify the office to avoid your mail being returned to sender.

### Payments

Place your payments in the mailroom in the office slot. If you want a receipt, include your invoice with payment or a note asking for one. Your receipt will be placed in your mailbox.

### Purchases for the Park

Do not use a personal money or credit card when making a park purchase. All purchases must have the approval of the committee chair and the treasurer before Heather is able to place the order or before the park credit card is provided.

### Speed Hazard

The 10 mph speed limit in the park applies to any type of conveyance that travels our streets: motor vehicles, bicycles, golf carts, etc.

Please be considerate of the safety of others.

### Night Time Safety

Please use a flashlight or reflective wear when walking after dark. Golf carts and bikes should have their lights turned on.

## Fax / Copy Service Changes

**New Fax #** 866-455-4680

### Members

\$1.75 1st page - 50¢ ea additional page

### Non Members

\$2.00 1st page - \$1.00 ea additional page

Copies are 20¢ / copy for everyone.

## Help local kids have a special Christmas by supporting our

Wauchula Police Dept & County Sheriff's Explorers



Requested donation ~ Walmart gift card

**Important** Note the \$ value on the card

**Donation Deadline: Saturday, December 7**

Place donations in the office slot in the mailroom marked "Shop with a Cop."

**Hardee**  
**ADORATION PARADE**  
*Keeping Christ in Christmas*  
**Saturday, December 7**  
**6 - 8 pm**  
**Main Street, Wauchula**  
Opportunities to be involved on acrylic at sign-up table.

## Yard Sale Donations

**See Jan Pratt H-9**  
**or call 937-418-9835**  
to make arrangements to drop off donations at the shed.

## 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

## Update on Site Upgrades

by Ed Landry, Project Coordinator

We have received three bids and are presently waiting to receive a re-quote. Unfortunately, this process has taken three months. Work continues on contractor selection and bids.

Although progress has been slow and it is frustrating, the end result will be worth the effort. The Board has been and will continue to work for the best interest of our park.

## Board Meeting Highlights

- Our 2018 taxes have been filed and although the process was arduous this year with the new bookkeeping, future filings promise to be much simpler.
- The database that Ken Tarkin created at the request of Jim Krueger has been in use since late spring. Its creation has made the process of maintaining the membership records, the wait list and the exchange list seamless and more accurate.
- Jim Krueger made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 to replace the badly outdated computers in the back office. Three computers and a printer will be connected to the network to replace the obsolete equipment currently being used. Motion passed.
- It was reported that gutters were installed on the east side of the Clubhouse late last summer because of the copious amounts of rain that caused continued water damage to the walls in the card room and back office.
- Membership will be voting to fill four board positions at the annual meeting. Members are asked to consider placing their name on the ballot. Applications must be submitted before January 8 to Anne Warren, Board Secretary.



## Special Events This Month

### Christmas Festivities

#### Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 19 ~ 6:30 pm

Campfire & Hot Chocolate Following

#### Holiday Dance Party

Saturday, December 16 ~ 6 pm - ?

BYOB & Appetizer to Share  
Social Hour 6 pm Music 7 pm

#### Christmas Eve Program

Tuesday, December 24 ~ 7 pm

Cookies & Punch  
Sign Up to Bring Cookies

#### Christmas Day Dinner

Wednesday, December 25 ~ 2 pm

Turkey & Ham, Stuffing,  
Mashed Potatoes Provided  
Bring Table Service & Dish to Share



### Honey Bees Fact & Fiction

Thursday, December 19

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Presented by Jonael Bosques  
Hardee County Extension

Fact: Honey bees pollinate only 7% of our food.

Fiction: Honey bees are going extinct.

### Christmas Caroling



Thursday, December 19

Meet at the clubhouse at 6:30 pm

Bring a flashlight.

Campfire & Hot Chocolate Following

### Holiday Dance



Saturday, December 21  
6:00 pm

Bring Snacks to Share  
&  
Beverage of Choice

### Christmas Eve Program

7 pm



Cookies & Punch  
Sign Up to Bring Cookies

2020 Happy New Year!

### New Year's Eve

6:30 pm

Music & Dancing

BYOB & Appetizer to Share

### New Year's Day Dinner

5 pm

Pork Roast & Pork 'n Sauerkraut Dinner

Bring Table Service

\$7 pp / Ticket Sales Dec 13-27

Rose Irons F-10

Lanette Breault A-31

Janet Gibson G-12

Cathy Landry A-35

June Post H-21

Jan Pratt H-09



Christmas Dinner  
2 pm

Turkey & Ham, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes Provided

Bring Table Service and Dish to Share

Sign Up in Clubhouse

## Monthly Activities



### Afternoon Coffee

Tuesday, December 3  
3 p.m.

Site: F-04 1272 Travel Trail  
(Bring lawn chair)

Hosted by  
**Norm & Ginny Milliard**



**Friday  
December 13  
1 pm**

This month's Book Club selection is *The Sun Is Also A Star* by Nicola Yoon. This quick read is a sweet and unusual love story between a first generation Korean boy and a newly immigrated Jamaican girl. This book was made into a movie in May of 2019. Copies are available through the Wauchula public library and in digital format. Questions? See Laurie Milliard at H37, 425-770-1902.



### SK Pettes

*Friday, December 20*

Meet at 1:00 pm at

*Jacaranda Hotel*

19 E. Main St., Avon Park

Cost: \$15.50 payable in advance to June Post.  
to June Post H-21, 2226 Leisure Lane

A buffet-style meal of regional favorites and seafood.



**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

**LEO**  
Let's Eat Out



**Wednesday, December 11**

Meet @ 1 pm at

*Nicholas Family Restaurant*

N 6th Avenue  
Wauchula

**Sign Up in Clubhouse**



**Sunday, December 15  
2 pm**

**\$2.00**



*Banana Split*

**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

### ROMEOs

*Jimmy's Greek American Grill*

**Friday, December 20**

Meet at 11 am at

1520 Lakeview Dr, Sebring

**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

**FUN**



**Meeting**

**Everyone's a member!**

**Monday, December 2 - 9:15 am**

## Weekly Activities

### Monday

### Breakfast

7:50 am



Ala Carte Menu

**Weekly Announcements 9 am**

### December

Monday Programs 9:15 am

**December 2**

Fun 'n Sun Meeting

**December 9**

Shop with a Cop & Sheriff's Explorers

**December 16**

Salvation Army's Partnership with  
Hardee Help Center

**December 23**

Sam's Club

**December 30**

Sky Med

### Scrapbooking



**1st & 3rd Mondays - Noon**

Enjoy the camaraderie of  
other scrapbookers or  
bring your own  
craft project to work on.

For More Info: Audrey Wyatt S-07

**Mondays ~ 1 pm**

Colored Pencil Class

Contact Gary Wyatt, S-07,  
for more information and  
for materials list.

**330-248-3326**



**Monday****Happy Hour**

Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm  
Clubhouse

**Shuffleboard**

Mon - Sat ~ 1 pm



Mon-Thu-Fri-Sat-Sun

7 pm

**Tuesday**

Chair Exercises  
for  
Balance & Strength



Tues & Thu ~ 9 am  
except board meeting days.

See June Post, H-21, for details.

**Movie Night**  
Tuesdays ~ 7 pm

12/03 ..... The Astronaut  
12/10 ..... The Best of Enemies  
12/17 ..... The Peanut Butter Falcon



50¢ for movie & popcorn

**BYOB**

Bring Your Own Bowl

**Wednesday**

Beginning 12/11

on Palm Lane

**Wednesday**  
9:00 am

Equipment & Instruction Provided

Players & spectators welcome!

Bring a chair.



**\$3.00**

Wednesday ~ 7 pm

**Thursday****Stitchers**

**Thursday ~ 1 pm**  
Clubhouse

Work on your knitting, crocheting, or any other handiwork project while visiting with fellow stitchers.

For More Info: Jo Mellis A-20

**Wine B4 Dine**

Bring snack to share & your choice of beverage.

**Thursdays**  
4 pm  
Pool Patio

Whether beverage of choice is pop, water, beer, or wine... all are welcome!



**Let's Go Bowling**

**Thursday**  
10:00 am

\$9 for 3 Games  
(Includes Shoes)

**Bowl of Fun**

943 S 6th Ave  
Downtown Wauchula

**All Welcome!**

**Friday****December Crafts**

Friday at 9 am

Sign up in Clubhouse

**December 6**

**Salt Shaker Snowmen/Angels**

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

**December 13**

**Wine Cork Ornaments**

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

**December 20**

**DIY Mini Paper Wreaths**

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

**December 27**

**Green Friday**

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10



M-W-F

11 am



*Too busy goofing off to tow!*

**Will You Help?**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Bell Ringers**

**Winn-Dixie**  
Friday, Dec. 6 & 13

9 am - 5 pm ~ 2-hr. Shifts



Sign Up in Clubhouse

## Family News



### Happy Birthday

12/01.....	June Parr
12/05.....	Bob Beckwith
12/05.....	Bob Lewis
12/03.....	Jim McCarthy
12/07.....	Mary Lou Naughton
12/13.....	Jeanne Cooke
12/13.....	Michael Milliard
12/16.....	Gerald Molitor
12/20.....	Doug Cowham
12/21.....	Tammy Milliard
12/22.....	Lillian White
12/27.....	James Dwyer
12/27.....	Heather Scheel
12/31.....	James Caldwell



### Happy Anniversary

12/04.....	Tom & Bev Cirou
12/07.....	Bud & Marsha Hodgkins
12/08.....	Bill & Kitty Ewald
12/20....	James & Barbara Bolhouse
12/26.....	Rob & Diane Beatty
12/30.....	Bob & Carol Ann Iles

### Arrivals/ Moves/Farewells

#### New Members

Denny & Diane Luppens..... H-13

#### Farewell

Charles & Coralie Sandhage..... H-13



### Support Our Bell Ringers

Stop by the Wauchula Winn-Dixie between 9 am—5 pm on Friday Dec 6 & 13, to show our Florida SKP Resort bell ringers we appreciate them!

### Editor

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20th of each month

All articles are subject to editing...and all mistakes are made with love!

## NEW MEMBER



### Gary & Audrey Wyatt , S-07

*by June Post*

Meet Gary and Audrey, high school sweethearts from Salem, OH, who obtained their site in March of this year. They became full-time Rvers 11 years ago.

They married in 1964, and raised three sons, all of whom became Eagle Scouts as did their grandson, Richard. Gary, too, was very active in scouting and earned a Silver Beaver Award for his leadership position as an adult. Gary was a mechanical engineer, and Audrey worked at a savings and loan, starting as a teller and becoming a supervisor.

Gary reads a lot and has done extensive genealogy research, but his greatest passion is his art. He will be displaying his drawings for the next three months at the Covelly House Gallery, 1971 Lakeview Drive in downtown Sebring, as a member of the Highlands Art Club. Clovelly is open Thurs. through Sat, 10 am—2 pm Gary will also have a solo show this summere at the Merrick Art Gallery in New Brighton, PA.

Audrey invites you to view her blog ([www.g-a-retired.blogspot.com](http://www.g-a-retired.blogspot.com)) which she has maintained for the past 11 years and has published annually in book form. She also likes to read, crochet, and scrapbook.

Monday afternoons they both can be found in the clubhouse. Gary enjoys teaching colored pencil and/or graphite sketching, and Audrey will be scrapbooking for those who would like to join her, not as a class, but as a hobbist.

*Gary's Birthday..... 9/13*  
*Audrey's Birthday..... 8/24*  
*Anniversary..... 10/24*

## NEW MEMBER



### Denny & Diane Luppens, H-13

*by June Post*

Let's give a big shout out to Denny and Diane Luppens who have finally attained membership as of November 11. Although they now have Site H-13, they plan to remain where they are on G-20 and continue to work as our park attendants through the remainder of the season. They have placed their site in the rental pool with all of the income going to the park.

Denny and Diane were high school sweethearts in St. Louis, MO, where they lived until they sold their home in 2001 and moved to the Florida Keys. Diane has longed to live in Florida since she was a child when her family rented a place on the beach at Ft. Lauderdale each year.

Denny was a general contractor in St. Louis, and Diane worked in the grocery business. They have two children: DJ, who now lives in Franklin, IN, and Annie who lives in Wesley Chapel near Tampa, FL. DJ and Annie each have two children making Denny and Diane grandparents 4 times over.

In the Keys, Diane enjoyed the water, but Denny LOVED, it leading to lots of fishing and diving. The couple initially worked at a KOA for 2 1/2 years until a friend persuaded them to buy his swimming pool service company. They sold that business in 2013 to return to St. Louis and care for Diane's parents which was followed by their buying the motorhome in 2014.

*Denny's Birthday..... 1/24*  
*Diane's Birthday..... 6/22*  
*Anniversary..... 8/23*





### A Labor of Love

Have you seen this charming wall hanging in the clubhouse near the sign-up table?

Marsha Hodgkins designed and made this quilt that celebrates the RV lifestyle and pays homage to the

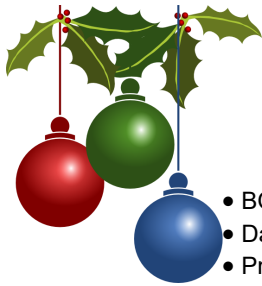
SKP slogan that Escapees are "A Special Kind of People."

Thank you, Marsha, for your labor of love and all your effort to gift the co-op with this visual expression of our heritage.

**did?**  
**YOU**  
**know**

In the event of a divorce or death, a member's name cannot be removed from a membership agreement without submitting a divorce decree or a death certificate.

It is recommended the appropriate document be submitted to the treasurer soon after the event to avoid a delay in reimbursement when the remaining member eventually turns in the lot.



### Hardee Help Center Food Pantry

- BOGO and donate the get one free.
- Dairy: milk—dried, evaporated and boxed
- Protein: beef stew, nuts, peanut butter, beans and peas (dried or canned) chili, tuna fish, chicken
- Vegetables: spaghetti sauce, mixed vegetables
- Fruit: applesauce, any canned fruit
- Grains: crackers, oatmeal, whole grain, rice, all pasta, ready to eat low sugar/high fiber cereal, (Cherrios, Raisin Brain, etc.)

Donation basket inside main doors to clubhouse.



**Friday, December 13 ~ 6 - 9 pm**  
**Downtown Wauchula**

### Park Directory

Directories with contact information for members will be available in early December. The directory will also include a member site map to make it even easier to find each other.

There will be a form on the last page of the directory if you have changes or additions to your information. Place the completed form in the office mail slot in the mailroom.



### 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**

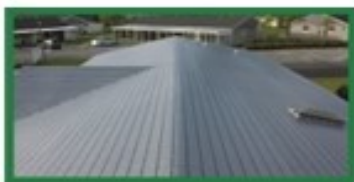




## November Snapshots



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