



The Florida SKP Resort, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873-4870

April 2020

March Board Business

At the March board meeting, Diane Luppens was appointed assistant treasurer; and Steve Little was appointed member-at-large to complete the board at 7 members.

Kevin & Julie Polter and Tom & Mary Ann Corcoran were hired by the board to be park attendants for the 2020-21 season.

The board has also been working diligently to formulate a plan in the ever-changing crises that will protect our health-compromised residents while still remaining open to those needing a place to stay.

Committees Set New Goals

Following each annual meeting, there is a re-organization of the 24 committees that are responsible for various aspects of managing the park.

It means there is a flurry of meeting activity as committee chairmen are selected and new committee members welcomed.

We are happy to report, that this effort was completed by the middle of March and many of the committees have already been moving forward with their responsibilities.

Board Members

President Frank King, A-15
Vice-President..... Ed Landry, A-35
Secretary June Post, H-21
Treasurer Pat Dubuc, A-34
Ass't Treasurer. Diane Luppens, H-29
At Large Bud Hodgkins, H-10
At Large Steve Little, H-13

What's Going On Here?

Just like everyone else, we are hunkered down and self-quarantining when appropriate.

The luau was the last hurrah of the season. Meals were available for take-out for those who wanted to avoid the crowd. It's been reported that the meal was delicious and a good time was had by all who attended.

Most park-wide events have been cancelled for the season. Pool aerobics and the shuffleboard and pickleball games are still going on, but all other social events have been put on hold until next season.

As space is available, SKP members needing a place to park are welcome and asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. For those passing through, the dump station and water is available during office hours.

Although there has been some exodus, a number of members and visitors are extending their stay for the time being. There is a comfort in being in a rural location with copious amounts of sunshine.



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Update on Site Upgrades

by Ed Landry

The project manager, James Anderson of Promise Technologies, Inc, was introduced at the March Board meeting. He reported that the permits are ready for work to begin, that the main manhole had been ordered. for delivery soon.

The manhole has been delivered and work has begun on the site improvements in the boondock area.



Information from the Board

The April, 2020 Board Meeting has been cancelled due to the nationwide Coronavirus concerns and the lack of Board business to transact. The Board wishes you to know the following important information.

Unfinished Business

The rental sites upgrade are still proceeding forward. We have started working this week and will continue until completion.

Updating of our park to be in accordance with Florida Statute 617 is continuing. Our registered agent has been changed to our attorney, Jonathan James Damonte, Chartered.

To ensure we are not considered a FS 719 COOP, our fictitious name, Florida SKP Resort, was published in our local newspaper and has been filed with the State, and our annual report, naming our current board members, has been submitted to the Florida Secretary of State on Sunbiz.org.

When Diane Luppens joined the Board, she resigned as a Park Attendant, in accordance with the By-laws. She is volunteering her time to support the office as a resort member. Thank you Diane and Denny as you transition to members only.

Thanks to all the committees and volunteers who have made considerable progress this winter season.

Coronavirus Policy - FL SKP Resort

Frank has had several emails and phone calls with Shawn R. Loring, CEO of the Escapees RV Club, to strategize on the Coronavirus policy. Shawn's latest email stated "Thank you, Frank. Your policy should serve as a model to the other CO-OPs of Caring and Sharing. Tip of the cap, sir. SKP Hugs." This credit applies to Steve Little, who initiated this project, and all the Board members for their contributions. As part of the policy, we also support SKPs who need a water fill and to dump as they pass through Wauchula.

The Coronavirus policy was been updated on March 23 to request all

visitors and members to self-isolate, maintain social distancing and play smart. Accordingly, the clubhouse will only be open during business hours, and pool occupancy is limited to ten.

Plans for the Summer Season

The Summer Executive Committee will be Frank, Pat and June.

Tom and Barb Cable have resigned as of March 22 amid concerns of getting to their next assignment. Thanks to Tom and Barb for their years as park attendants, and we wish them safe travels.

Kevin & Julie Polter have agreed to fill the Cables' position through April 15. They have also signed on as park attendants for this coming summer. We welcome their addition to the Resort.

There are six park members who have learned how to set up and run the generators for emergency operation during "no power" times.

Dick Pearce is the new Zoning Committee chair and is seeking a few members to fill out the committee.

Pat Dubuc and Steve Little will be working with Jim Krueger's assistance to improve our real estate tax situation in reducing our taxes to something more appropriate to our income level. This will require research as well as documentation and appeals to the county assessor's office.

Thank you for a good year. We wish you an enjoyable and safe summer, wherever you stay, and we look forward to next season, hopefully under normal conditions.

The Board, March, 2020

Arrivals/ Moves/Farewells

New Members

Steve & Diane Little H-13

Farewell

Don & Jean Masella..... A-27

Moving

Denny & Cindy Henderson A-27

Martin & June Parr A-10

Denny & Diane Luppens H-29

NEW MEMBERS



Steve & Diane Little, H-13

by June Post

Did you ever daydream about living on an island?

For Steve and Diane Little that dream came true when they moved to Cliff Island, ME in 2002. As a part of Portland, the island has about 40-50 residents who remain through the winter. The population soars to about 200 in the summer.

The island boasts a one-room schoolhouse for K-5 (currently schooling 3 students). Older students take a boat to school in Portland. There are 5 roads (unpaved), one store in summer, a post office, a community hall, a health clinic being built, a wi-fi system, and a volunteer fire department with a fire truck.

Both Steve and Diane are heavily involved in volunteering, as are many of the residents on the island. Diane's mother, Lydia LeMaistre, spends summers with them on the island and enjoys watching people come and go by boat.

Both Diane and Steve grew up in New England. Diane had her eye on Steve as soon as they met at the beach when they were juniors in rival high schools. The couple married in 1970 and will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. They have two sons, one of whom lives in the Netherlands, and they have 6 grandchildren.

Steve and Diane have lived in New England as well as Germany and DC as Steve served 10 years on active duty in the Coast Guard followed by 31 years in the reserves while working as a fraud investigator for the Dept of Defense. Diane volunteered in the schools, and continues to enjoy knitting, crocheting, reading, and the computer.

Steve's Birthday 6/17

Diane's Birthday 9/28

Anniversary 9/05

Looking for Something to Do?

Missing all the park activities? Consider one of these options.

1. Complete a jigsaw puzzle. Borrow one from the Clubhouse or better yet, get an app for your Android or Apple device. Magic Jigsaw Puzzles is free, excellent, and available for iOS, Android, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 devices
2. Watch all the really long movies you've avoided until now.
3. Make a list of things for which you are grateful.
4. Sit outside, soak up some fresh air, and read a book.
5. Do something that you've been procrastinating about.
6. Organize your RV. Donate to the yard sale anything you haven't used in the past year.
7. Take a stroll around the pond.
8. Phone or FaceTime a friend.
9. Research places you'd like to visit once you're back on the road.
10. Visit with your neighbor across the street while they are literally across the street.
11. Read the Resort's By-laws and Standing Rules.
12. Play the online game, Words With Friends, with people you know near or far.
13. Check out the new Pathways to Membership tab on the park's website.
14. Watch YouTube videos of Jeanne Robertson, a 76-year old comedian, who sees the humor in life.
15. Interview a Resort member for the Cracker Crumbs. See article in the next column.



Are Needed!

by Search & Election Committee

The Search and Election Committee plans to personally call on members in residence in the fall in order to complete a slate of candidates for the 2021 board. At least four candidates are needed to fill the vacancies created by those rotating off the board and more if we are to have choices for an election.

We won't be knocking on doors this spring due to the coronavirus as we practice self-isolation. However, we would like you to consider if serving on the board would be for you.

Our park relies on participation. Serving on the board is a major way to help all of us here at the Resort, albeit a lot of responsibility. When approaching members to ask for them to be a candidate, we are often told "no" and in no uncertain terms.

Many times it's not the responsibility members don't want but the hassle from fellow members. Sure, many can't serve due to health, travels, or other life situations, and we all understand and accept that.

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R U Curious?

Whether it is longtime members or winter visitors, wouldn't it be interesting to hear peoples' story?

We have a need for someone or several someones who would be interested in conducting interviews and providing the information or writing a short special interest article for *Cracker Crumbs*.

Conversations could be over the phone or 6' away.

Please contact Margery Zeller, margery.zeller1@gmail.com if you are interested.

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You should know that the board runs the organization, the company that is the legal structure of our resort. But it's the myriad of committees that you are the members and engines of that should be operating the park's activities and bearing the daily responsibilities, complaints, and challenges that cause some ire or need. That's the hassle part we all can do something about.

Our energy needs to be directed positively. We need to make serving on the board an honor and privilege. The rest of us need to be thankful for those who have been willing to take on the responsibility and time needed to govern us.

In 2020, we needed a slate of 3 and only had 2 candidates. In 2021, we will need 4 members to fill the vacancies of those rotating off. Please consider volunteering to be a candidate for the board. If you are willing, we really need you. And, we will be asking in November.

Stay healthy and happy trails!

Additional Corrections To Member Directory

Belanger, Joe & Lee Site: H-28
Email: leeandjoe156@gmail.com

Landry, Ed & Cathy Site: A-35
Email: eclandry1@gmail.com

**The biggest lie I tell
myself is
"I don't need to write that
down, I'll remember it."**
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20th of each month

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

Before March Madness



Kevin Polter using the new airless sprayer that made painting the roof on the maintenance shed roof so much easier...and



It was a beautiful night for the flag retirement ceremony that included remembering those veterans who have committed suicide.



Julie Polter saluting after putting a flag stripe in the fire in honor of the Army National Guard.



Ron and Susan Wszalek helping to serve dinner to Dale Mahnken. They and their team prepared a delicious meal for this year's luau.



Gerry Molitor adjusting Kevin Polter's grass skirt. What a sport!



Steve Little showing off to Lydia LeMaistre, Vera Green, & Diane Little his Santa under his Hawaiian shirt. You'd have to ask him why he was wearing it.



Fun 'n Sun honored members who are 90 or older including l-r, John Cashman, Jim & Barbara Bollhouse, Lydia LeMaistre, Jeanne Cook, and Vera Green. Joan Cashman was unable to attend and was missed.

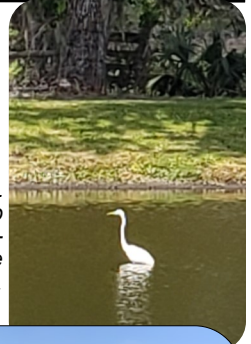


Dancing to the live music of Bobby Remp were l-r, Susan Wszalek, Sue Randall, Laurie Milliard, Julie Polter, Chris Drassal and Ron Wszalek.

After March Madness Began



Jo Mellis shared a woman's perspective about the time she and Robert spent in Southeast Asia.



Sad but true... the water in the pond is only up to this egret's tush. Warm temperatures and lack of rain are causing the pond to dry up.



Birds of a feather flock together while maintaining 6' social distancing of course!

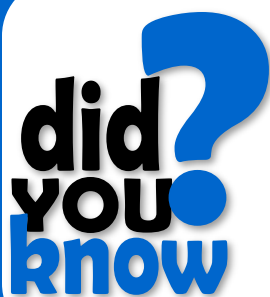


Paul Zeller found this soft-shell turtle sunning himself by the pond. Wondering where he will go when the pond dries up.

Marsha Hodgkins is keeping busy making face masks while Nancy's Knitters continue her mother's legacy of making scarves for cancer patients. Since November, our stitchers have made over 200 scarves.



The clubhouse floors after cleaning and waxing. Look at that shine! With all events cancelled, they should stay this way longer than usual.



that when a member completes a site exchange, all their existing requests for additional sites are terminated? However, the member may submit *new* requests for up to five sites.



Since pets can't read, we ask their owners to review these pet rules and ensure that their pet follows them.



1. Your pet's current rabies certificate must be provided to the office.
2. Pets must be on a maximum 6' leash at all times.
3. Pets must walk in the center of the road until they reach the designated pet areas.

The green spaces and individual sites are not to be used for your pet's business.

4. Please keep your pet away from trees, flowers, shrubs, and vehicles.
5. Pick up after your pet's deposits wherever they leave them, even in the dog walk area, the dog walk run, or the street.

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4. No pets allowed in buildings or around the pool whether on foot or in your arms.
5. Pet noise must be kept to a minimum.
6. Pets are not to be left unattended outside when you are away from your RV.

Abiding by these pet regulations will permit us to continue to allow you to bring your pet to our resort.

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Site Exchange Requests

Site exchange forms are available in the front office for you to make changes or to put in a new site exchange request for up to 5 sites.

Completed site exchange forms should be placed in the office slot in the mail room.

Upon receipt, the Wait List Committee will update the list in the order in which the requests are received.

Updated exchange lists are posted on the bulletin board in the card room as requests are received. Check the list to make sure your requests are correct.

A member with the highest ranking on a particular site may waive that ranking for a particular exchange while maintaining their ranking for future exchanges.

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To Our Residents: Please *kindly* direct pet owners to the dog walks if



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



Birthdays

APRIL

4/13 Pat Dubuc
4/16 Barbara Bolhouse
4/16 Ronald Haury
4/18 Leigh Ann Cooper
4/19 Jane Lewis
4/19 Rose Irons
4/22 George Weiss
4/22 Chuck Roth
4/22 Margery Zeller
4/23 Jean Anne Hunt
4/23 Dick Naughton
4/24 Skip LaPlante
4/27 Bill Ewald
4/29 Jim Bolhouse
4/29 Barb Fletcher
4/30 Lavonne Hogan

MAY

5/01 Dave Irons
5/03 Lee Belanger
5/07 Joann Silva
5/08 Emma Beckwith
5/10 Marty Parr
5/15 Christina Baideme
5/26 Linda Sandel
5/27 Bobbie Hoffman
5/27 Ken Hixson
5/29 Kitty Ewald
5/30 Nancy Yvon

JUNE

6/03 Carol Torns
6/06 Jim McBride
6/06 Lynn Lord
6/07 James Jones
6/07 Gary Hohman
6/08 Ken Tarkin
6/12 Mel VonPloennies
6/14 Robert Mellis
6/14 George White
6/16 Danny Lindstrom
6/17 Craig Sandel
6/17 Linda Cahill
6/17 Anne Schumann
6/17 Steve Little
6/17 Ted Wallin
6/18 Jan Pratt
6/20 Barbara Bobek
6/20 Monica Behun
6/21 Terry Regennitter
6/22 Diane Luppens
6/23 Steve Warren
6/24 Bob Iles
6/27 Kenny Breault
6/27 George Saba

6/29 Terry Baideme

JULY

7/03 Donna Wallin
7/03 Joe Behun
7/07 Joe Belanger
7/09 Lanette Breault
7/09 Bob Schumann
7/14 Dale Mahnken
7/15 Skip Pratt
7/16 Sue DeCiero
7/16 Dolores Griffey
7/17 Noreta Ray
7/20 Anita Saba
7/25 Brenda Caldwell

AUGUST

8/02 Rob Beatty
8/09 Susan Mannery
8/07 Frank King
8/08 Kathy Heaton
8/08 James McBride
8/10 Eva Herman
8/10 Cindy Henderson
8/14 Chris Blakely
8/15 Norman Milliard, II
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
8/24 Audrey Wyatt
8/28 June Post

SEPTEMBER

9/09 Bill Maas
9/11 Anne Warren
9/12 Sharon Weiss
9/13 Gary Wyatt
9/15 Katsue VonPloennies
9/20 Kevin McIntyre
9/21 Margaret McIntyre
9/24 Paul Zeller
9/26 Ann McBride
9/28 Diane Little
9/29 Ernie Herman
9/30 Carol Ann Iles

OCTOBER

10/08 Tomasa Selph
10/06 Bob Crystal
10/11 Joan Lindstrom
10/14 Earl Cooper
10/18 Laurie Milliard
10/19 Bev Cirou
10/20 Donald Chase
10/24 Swede Lindstrom
10/26 Betsy Hixson
10/28 Lynn Lunde
10/30 Jan Maas

Anniversaries

APRIL

4/01 Danny & Joan Lindstrom
4/07 Marty & June Parr
4/23 Ernie & Eva Herman
4/26 Dick & Mary Lou Naughton

MAY

5/05 Terry & Christina Baideme
5/09 Swede & Joan Lindstrom
5/11 Dick & Nancy Pearce
5/20 Art & Pat Dubuc
5/28 Frank & Julie King
5/30 Kenneth & Delores Griffey
5/31 Tony & Elsie Pettinato

JUNE

6/02 Jim & Arlene Krueger
6/04 Skip & Jan Pratt
6/04 Ted & Donna Wallin
6/06 Joe & Lee Belanger
6/08 George & Lillian White
6/09 Rick & Sue DeCiero
6/15 Steve & Anne Warren
6/17 Bill & Jan Maas
6/25 Roger & Lavonne Hogan
6/26 George & Anita Saba
6/27 Dave & Rose Irons
6/29 James & Paula Jones

JULY

7/02 Joe & Monica Behun
7/16 Mike & Tammy Milliard
7/19 Dolan & Doris LeBlanc
7/25 Gary & Susan Hohman
7/29 Chris & Rita Blakely
7/30 Bob & Emma Beckwith

AUGUST

8/03 Paul & Margery Zeller
8/14 Chuck & Mari Roth
8/22 Val & Lorraine Young
8/22 Ray & Kathy Heaton
8/22 Robert & Jo Mellis
8/23 Denny & Diane Luppens
8/29 Norm & Ginny Milliard
8/29 Earl & Leigh Ann Cooper
8/31 Ken & Joan Tarkin

SEPTEMBER

9/03 Nelson & Ann Castle
9/05 Steve & Diane Little
9/05 Alex & Brenda Rutchka
9/11 Ed & Cathy Landry
9/18 Bob & Jane Lewis
9/23 George & Sharon Weiss

OCTOBER

10/06 Gerry & Rita Molitor
10/10 Kenny & Lanette Breault
10/16 Bob & Anne Schumann
10/24 Lynn & Becky Lunde
10/24 Gary & Audrey Wyatt
10/25 Donald & Doris Chase



Free to Good Home

Dolan LeBlanc's two geese decoys who have been known to wander around the park need new caretakers. Unfortunately, Dolan and Doris will not be returning to the Resort. Please let Cathy Landry know if you would like to take over responsibility for them.



What Do the S, G, F, H, and A Stand For on Sheds?

by Dolan LaBlanc

Have you wondered what the letter stands for on the park-numbered sheds? Why Leisure Lane sites are H-___... or SKP Way sites as G-___...or Travel Trail sites are F-___... or Resort Ways sites are S- ?

To find the answer, we have to go back to the early days of the park and the street names originally given by the founders.

SKP Way was originally from the park entrance to the Wszalek's S- 2. This was changed to Resort Dr.

There was a gazebo on the green area of S-2 and that street was named Gazebo Way. This was re-named SKP Way to give the office and clubhouse the SKP address.

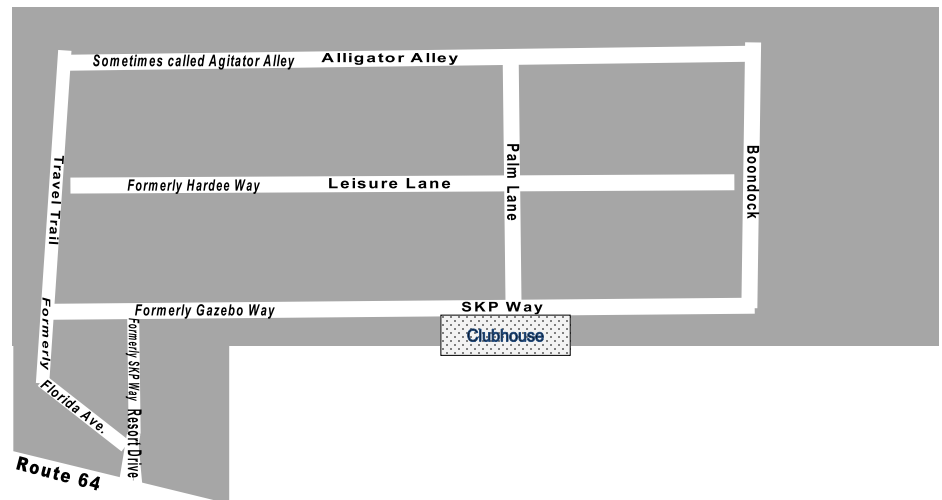
Leisure Lane used to be called Hardee Way which we still refer to as "H" Row.

The street from the Griffey's on F-01 to Bliven on F-11 was called Florida Ave. but because that is a prominent

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street in Wauchula it was changed to Travel Trail.

Alligator Alley did not change even though some used to refer to it as 'Agitator' Alley.



Fun Facts About Dr. Seuss

#1 Dr. Seuss was not actually a doctor of anything. He added 'Dr.' to his pen-name because his father had always wanted him to study medicine.

#2 The first recorded use of the word

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Who Are We?

There have been no 'official' guesses to the riddle in last month's issue so an additional clue will be in the December issue of *Cracker Crumbs* before the answer is given at a breakfast later in December.

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'nerd' was in his book, *If I Ran a Zoo*, in 1950.

#3 'Dr. Seuss' is one of the most mispronounced of all writers' names. It actually rhymes with 'voice', so 'Zoyce' rather than 'Zeus'.

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