



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

December 2020

Annual Meeting & Election

by Search & Election Committee

This season's annual meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021. Since it is likely that we will still be avoiding the Covid-19 virus, it will not be practical or safe to have the meeting at the clubhouse. Instead, we will meet online via Zoom or Google Meet.

Members must make sure that the office has their current email address so that they can be notified and given instructions on how to join the meeting.

Election

The Search and Elections Committee is asking members to consider being a candidate for the Board of Directors.

There will be 5 open positions this season. Frank King will be leaving the Board. Two others, Pat Dubuc and Bud Hodgkins, will have completed their first 2-year term. Steve Little and Diane Luppens, who were appointed by the Board to complete the terms of others who left the Board, can run again.

Candidates must submit their applications and a brief resume to the secretary, June Post, by January 8, 2021.

There MUST be an election this year to determine the length of each electee's term. Depending on the number of votes (in descending order) for each candidate, three of these 5 positions will be filled by members to serve 2-year terms; 2 will be elected for 1-year terms. It is

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Communication In These Challenging Times

By Margery Zeller



With the Board's endorsement, we are introducing to the Florida SKP membership text and voice messaging as a means of supplementing important Resort communication. These messages will be reminders of details that have been conveyed in *Cracker Crumbs* and/or posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse as well as developing information of interest to members. This messaging service will be administrated under the public relations umbrella.



If you know someone who does not use text or voice messaging, please consider becoming a communication buddy to keep them informed about news coming through as a text or voice message. **As their buddy, please let me know** whether they should be removed from text and/or voice messaging so they will not become flummoxed by these communications.

To successfully receive these messages, it is **very important** that you add both these #s to your contacts so you'll know the source of the message or keep it from being blocked as unknown.

FI SKP Text 863-474-9082 ~ FI SKP Voice Message 405-548-2251

You can opt out of receiving texts by replying STOP to any text.

If you would like to take advantage of sending messages regarding any Resort business by means of this service, please contact me.

Currently, only the primary number listed for a membership is on the call list. If you want an additional membership phone number added, please text me the information or send via email. Should there be a communication that is polling the membership, only the primary number will receive that particular message

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Virtual Board Meetings via Google Meet

Preliminary Dates to Approve 2021 Budget

Tuesday, December 3 & 17

Time & Code Emailed
When Available

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

Wauchula Police Dept & County Sheriff's Explorers

Christmas for Kids



Requested donation ~ Walmart gift card

Important Note the \$ value on the card

Donation Deadline: Sunday, December 6

Place donations in the
office slot in the mailroom
marked "Shop with a Cop"
or "Christmas for Kids."

Will You Help?

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

**Winn-Dixie
Friday, Dec. 11**

9 am - 5 pm ~ 2-hr. Shifts



**Masks Required
Sign Up in the Clubhouse**

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

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imperative that members vote and return their ballots when they become available. Ballots will be included in the annual meeting packets in mid-January.

The chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Joe Belanger, reports that his committee might not be submitting any proposals for the members to vote on this season. But – just in case – the Search and Elections committee has been busy developing a new proxy form. Under the Florida law that applies to our not-for-profit corporation, members will have the opportunity to vote using limited and general powers or both on the same form. That means that, on some issues, members may appoint a proxyholder to express their votes, and they may choose to vote on other issues themselves. These proxies, if any, will also be sent out in the packets about January 18, 2021.



Bob Lewis enjoying his newfound freedom of getting around thanks to members & visitors who built this ramp for him.

The SKP Spirit In Action



Meeting

Fun 'n Sun will not be meeting in December. However, there are three proposals that need a vote by a quorum of the membership. An email will be sent to members at the beginning of December identifying and explaining the three proposals.

This email will be followed in a few days by a voice mail to the primary number for your membership that will ask you to vote yes or no on each proposal.

The results of the voting will be announced at Happy Hour on Monday, December 7.

BE THANKFUL. BE GENEROUS. GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.



Monday, December 7, 2020

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Florida SKP Resort

All donors will receive a OneBlood Gift & a \$10 eGift Card!

Plus, a wellness checkup including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Appointments are encouraged, please visit
www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #19590

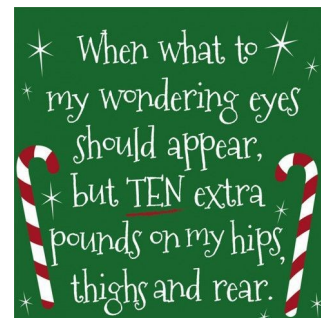
Do not present to donate if you have a fever. You must wait at least 14 days before donating if you have been exposed to someone who has or may have COVID-19, have recently been tested and are pending test results for COVID-19 or if you have a confirmed active case of COVID-19.

ID REQUIRED

ID required. Donors must be at least 18 years old. Those who are 18 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor, per donation. See each visit. Not redeemable. If you have recently donated blood, please wait at least 14 days before donating. Donors must have successful donation to obtain results. If donor does not have account created in donor portal already they must provide email address to photoportal at the time of registration for account can be created. Donor will receive email and donor with instructions. The same email provided at registration is used to activate donor portal account.

oneblood.org 1-888-9-DONATE

oneblood.org



What's Going On This Month?

Sign Ups

Last month there was the option to sign up online for Resort events. It was an experiment that was minimally successful as we found that the majority of people were comfortable signing up in the clubhouse. Therefore, future sign ups will be exclusively in the clubhouse.



Meet at 1:00 pm at

Jacaranda Hotel

19 E. Main St., Avon Park

All-you-can eat buffet of regional favorites and seafood.

Sign up in the Clubhouse.

Cost: \$15.00

payable in advance to Audrey Wyatt - S-07
Cash Preferred



MONDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:00 PM

Followed by
Campfire and Hot Chocolate

Sign up in Clubhouse



*Everyone is Invited
to the Festivities!*

Jeanne Cooke would love for you
to join her as she celebrates her

98th birthday

on Sunday, December 13, at 2 pm
on the kitchen patio.

Sign up in Clubhouse
BYO Chairs

Sunday, December 27



1 pm



2 pm

\$2.50



Fresh Strawberry Sundaes

Sign up in Clubhouse
BYO Chairs



by Norm & Ginny Milliard

This treasure hunt is a game in which players search for hidden objects by following a trail of clues.

There will be 10 clues which can be identified from the road or green space. The clues are not to be moved. Just record them on the form.

Forms for the hunt will be on the table in the clubhouse on Thursday, December 3 and must be returned to the office by noon Wednesday, December 9.

Even if you don't find all the 10 items, turn your results in. You still may be a winner!

The results of the Crayola Treasure Hunt and the winners will be announced at the 4 pm Happy Hour on Wednesday, De-

FLASH
YARD SALE
& Craft Fair

Thursday, December 17
Time TBA

Featuring
Women's Clothes
Small Kitchen Appliances
& Crafts by Our Residents

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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!

Line Dancing**Begins Dec. 7**

Mon & Wed Fri
Instruction Practice
10 am

**\$3.00****Wednesday ~ 7 pm****Begins December 9****Wine B4 Dine**

Thursdays
4 pm
Pool Patio

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

Shuffleboard**Mon - Sat ~ 1 pm****Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm****Monday~Weekly Announcements**

Kitchen Patio
Bring Your Own Chair

Twice a Week

Thursday
10:00 am

\$10 for 3 Games
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun
 943 S 6th Ave
 Downtown Wauchula

All you have to do is be able to lift that big round ball and either push, shove, toss or throw it toward those cute white pins who are hoping you won't hit them! Surprise, they actually do go down!

Now I know \$10 may be a lot of money for this; but the exercise, the excitement and the laughing are really worth it. And then we go to lunch. What could be more fun?

CARDS**GAMES**

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri-Sat
7 pm

**on Palm Lane**

Wednesday & Saturday
9:00 am

Equipment & Instruction Provided
Players & spectators welcome!
Bring a chair.

I think as you
 grow older your
 Christmas list
 gets shorter,
 because
 the things
 you want can't
 be bought.

Campfire 'n
S'mores



November's campfire drew 22 people and
 included lots of s'mores and storytelling.
 An encore was requested.

**I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU
 CAN TELL A LOT ABOUT A
 PERSON BY THE WAY
 (S)HE HANDLES THESE
 THREE THINGS: A RAINY
 DAY, LOST LUGGAGE, AND
 TANGLED CHRISTMAS TREE
 LIGHTS.**

Maya Angelou

theviennablog.com



Becoming a Reality

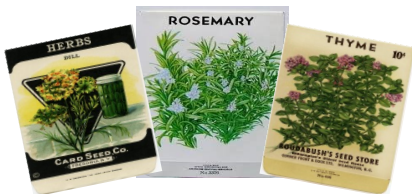
By Norm Milliard

An herb garden is being planted to supply fresh herbs to the members and visitors while at the same time increasing the attractiveness of the park.

We will be planting herbs around the chain link fence that encloses the water tank. The herbs will be mounted on a shelf about 2-3 feet off the ground. Each herb will be in a separate planter. The planters are self watering planters and should not allow water to kill the roots. This will be particularly beneficial during the rainy season when excess water will drain from the pots.

Rectangular planters will alternate with self watering round pots on the shelves. The pots will contain flowers

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to add color. Up to 40 herb planters and 40 flower pots can be mounted on shelves that could exist on all four outside surfaces of the fence. The four surfaces provide different levels of sun exposure. As well, there is both water and electricity at the Water Tank for an automatic watering system.

We want to create a minimal maintenance solution. All herbs are off the ground on a shelf and will not take up much lawn space, extending out only about a foot from the fence. The raised beds minimally interfere with lawn mowing, defeats the hungry rabbits, and makes weeding and harvesting easy.

As well as the alternating herbs and flowers, each corner will have a large, ground level pot for particularly tall herbs like basil.

We had a singular donation that should cover the cost of the initial experiment. The experiment consists

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of installing planters and herbs on the west side of the fencing. Assuming success we will seek additional funding.

We can plant up to 40 herbs and 40 flowers. We have a number of ideas for flowers and want to plant herbs to be used by the members. So far we've had requests for flat and curly parsley, basil, rosemary, mint, oregano, lemon balm, sage, and thyme. If you have a particular interest let Sue Mannery know. She has taken responsibility for getting us started.

A special thanks to Eva Herman for describing her simple but effective back-of-the-shed herb garden. Her suggestion led to our approach to the test garden.

By the way, once the garden is established, come down with your scissors and harvest what you need. Each pot will have only one variety of herb. Any green thing in a herb planter that looks different should be removed. Thank you.



It can take a month or more for a membership transfer to be completed. Membership includes the benefit of having a site. Because current members have the first opportunity to exchange their site for a different one, it may involve one or more site exchanges before a site is available to the new member..

The details for this process are coordinated by the treasurer and involve the Appraisal Committee, and the Prospective Member, aka Wait List, Committee.

Any member can put their name on the exchange list up to five sites that they are interested in. (Forms are available in the office.) The site is offered to the first person(s) on the exchange list for that site. If no name is on the exchange list for it, the site is then posted for 72 hours for any other members who might be interested in an exchange.

Once this entire process has been completed, only then do we have a site available to offer to the first person on the prospective member list. This membership process may feel like it should be simple, but there are a myriad of steps and details which must occur and in the proper order.

did
YOU?
know

Family News

Arrivals/ Moves/Farewells

New to Park

Mike Resnick A-39
Linda Ward S-08
Tom & Debbie McIlwain..... S-01

Moved to a Different Site

Bob & Jean Ann Hunt A-07

Farewell

Thomas & Nancy Ranck A-39
Dolan & Delores LeBlanc S-08



Thank you to the many members who have called and sent texts and cards expressing well wishes and prayers. "It was overwhelming to know SO MANY were thinking of me."

Jane Gibson



It is with sadness that we have learned of the recent passing of Tedd Lester. His guitar playing and singing, as well as his stories about his adventures on the Appalachian Trail will be missed at Happy Hour. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Mary Lou.

We also were saddened to learn that , Liz Crain, passed away on November 3 in Albuquerque, NM. She and her husband, Bob, enjoyed the years they were members of the Resort, Her obituary is available at <https://legcy.co/32sFj6V>.



12/01 June Parr
12/03 Jim McCarthy
12/04 Mari Roth
12/05 Bob Beckwith
12/05 Bob Lewis
12/07 Mary Lou Naughton
12/08 Roger Hogan
12/09 Mary Ann Corcoran
12/13 Jeanne Cooke
12/13 Michael Milliard
12/14 Kevin Polter
12/16 Gerry Molitor
12/20 Doug Cowham
12/21 Tammy Milliard
12/22 Lillian White
12/27 Jim Dwyer
12/27 Heather Scheel
12/31 Jim Caldwell



12/04 Tom & Bev Cirou
12/07 ... Bud & Marsha Hodgkins
12/08 Bill & Kitty Ewald
12/20 ... Jim & Barbara Bolhouse
12/24 Bob & Jean Anne Hunt
12/26 Rob & Diane Beatty
12/30 Bob & Carol Ann Iles



Merry Christmas

Yard Sale Donations

See Jan Pratt H-9

or call 937-418-9835

**to make arrangements to
drop off donations at the shed.**

Who Are We?

1. We are members of the SKP Resort.
2. We were married in June of 1963.
3. We met in 1941.
4. Our mothers played bridge together...that's how we met.
5. When our mothers were playing bridge, we waved to each other under the table.
6. We are New Englanders! Were both born in the same hospital, we both graduated from the same university, and we both taught school.
7. In our small town, he was elected to be both the school and town moderator; and in the spring, he made delicious pure New Hampshire maple syrup in the sugar house across the street.
8. Before RVing, we lived on a 46' sailboat for about 7 years. During those years we sailed to the Bahamas four times.
9. She was on your board of directors, and he is a retired fire chief.

If after all these hints, if you still don't know, the answer is below .

Who will be next to submit "Who Are We?" or "Who Am I?"

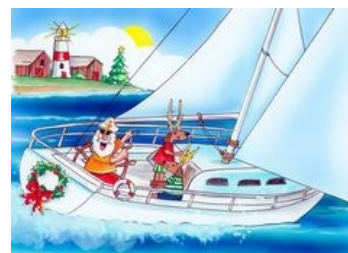
Who Are We?

Steve & Ann Warren

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*Yesterday's the past,
Tomorrow's the future,
But today is a Gift,*

That's why it's called the Present.





Veterans Day Parade



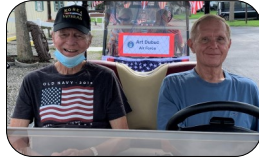
Bobby Hoffman & Denny Luppens (Driving)



Jim & Elinor Gooding



Gary & Audrey Wyatt



Ray Heaton & Paul Zeller (Driving)



Driver Phoebe Bollin, Gary Canning and Bud Hodgkins.



Anne Warren among spectators expressing their appreciation.



Kitchen Workers

I-r Sue DeCiero, Rich DeCiero, Skip LaPlante, Jane Lewis, Cathy Canning. Missing: Bud Hodgkins

Kudos to Jane Lewis and her team, Sue & Rick DeCiero, Skip LaPlante, Cathy Canning, and Bud Hodgkins for a delicious meal serving 33 dine in and 35 carry outs.



Visitors: Ivor & Gail Cohen



Thanksgiving



Member residents, Dave & Delores Mayo, dining with Norm & Ginny Milliard



Photographer Lynn Lunde & wife, Becky



Social distance seating well done.



Dinner got rave reviews!



Barbara Bolhouse picking up carryout from Skip LaPlante & Jane Lewis

TREE TRIM / REMOVAL REQUEST

PLACE YOUR REQUEST IN **OFFICE SLOT IN MAIL ROOM**
ADDRESSED TO **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE C/O PAUL ZELLER.**



While the crews are trimming the street palms over the next couple of months, trees on member's lots can be trimmed for \$25 / tree or removed for \$60 / large tree (less for smaller trees or shrubs). Removed trees also incur an additional fee for dumping, about \$30 depending on the weight.

Name _____ Site # _____

Telephone # _____

☐ I have _____ tree(s) to be trimmed @ \$25 / tree trees x \$25 / ea \$ _____

Location(s) on the lot: _____

☐ I have _____ trees(s) / shrub(s) to be removed at no more than \$60 / each plus appropriate dumping fees..... trees removed

Location(s) on the lot: _____

Once the work is completed, your cost will be added to your electric bill.

Completion confirmed by _____ Date _____

Treasurer _____

For Office Use Only

_____ trees removed
x \$60 / ea \$ _____

Dumping Charge \$ _____

Total Charge \$ _____

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