



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

January 2021

2021 Annual Meeting Postponed

by June Post

At the December 17 board meeting, there was a lot of discussion about how to handle proposals since all meetings are currently being held online because of the coronavirus. Most agreed that educating members, discussing, and voting on any changes to the by-laws and/or standing rules via a virtual meeting would be impractical.

The board, therefore, voted to postpone the annual meeting until a future date when members will be able to meet in person at the clubhouse.

Election of Board of Directors

However, the decision was made to retain the date, February 22, 2021, for the ELECTION of the 2021-22 board of directors.

There are currently 5 candidates who have submitted paperwork to the board secretary expressing their intention to run for election to the 5 open positions. Other members are invited to become candidates by contacting a member of the Search and Election Committee. All commitment certificates and brief resumes are due to the board secretary, June Post, on or before January 8, 2021.

Annual Packets to Contain Official Ballots

Watch your mailboxes in late January for the arrival of the thinner-than-usual annual packets.

Inside each membership will find an official BALLOT, the necessary envelopes for its return, and the resume from each candidate. The three candidates

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receiving the most votes will fill the three open 2-year terms. The two candidates with the next highest votes will fill the remaining 1-year terms.

Committee Sign-Ups & Final Budget

The packets will also contain sign ups for committee positions and the final budget.

Questions?

Any questions should be directed to the Search and Election Committee: Ken Hixson, Ann Schumann, Jo Ann Silva, Joan Tarkin, Anne Warren, Sharon Weiss, or Ron and Susan Wszalek.

COVID-19 Resources

Check out these important resources from the CDC:

How to Protect Yourself & Others

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

When to Quarantine

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Free COVID testing is available by appointment in Wauchula for Hardee County residents. When asked, give the resort address, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula.

Florida Department of Health in Hardee

115 K.D. Revell Road, Wauchula, FL 33873

Testing Hours (by appointment):

Monday—Friday.....8:30—10:00 am
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Contact Information

Phone: 863-773-4161

Office opens at 8 am

Type of Testing Available

- Diagnostic Testing

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A President's Perspective

by Frank King

As a business and a corporate entity, it takes time and energy to attend to the basics of running a business. This also includes providing oversight for the building, the grounds, landscaping and many other aspects of the park.

I didn't have the benefit of being in the Resort for years before I was on a couple of committees and then on the board. The *Manual for SKP Co-ops and Boards of Directors* by O. Grant Simons provided important educational information, but mostly I learned by observation. With my view from here, I concluded the following and believe it to be a correct understanding.

Manage Business Affairs

In accordance with the Bylaws, the first responsibility of the board is to manage the business affairs of the Resort. This includes paying taxes, working legal matters, filings and interactions with the city, county, state and federal agencies as well as overseeing the many park operations.

The board is the oversight and approval authority on significant issues and projects, consulting with the committees as needed.

Appointment of Committees

The board is also responsible for appointing committees and committee members for the purpose of running the park, the clubhouse, the equipment, pets, landscaping, activities, etc. Since we function with characteristics of a co-op, all memberships are required to follow the rules and share labor, knowledge and time towards the betterment of the Resort

Limited Committee Involvement

The Board has limited involvement with the operation of the committees, including appointing members, initiating the first committee meeting to start selection of chairpersons on the committee and then liaising between the committee and the board, with only one board member liaison needed per committee.

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Function of Committees

Committee members are responsible for performing everyday and perpetual duties to the best of their ability. They are also empowered to propose rules.

The committee is also responsible for handling problematic issues, conflicts and projects and initiating attempts at resolution. They have a responsibility to adequately document issues, preferably with three or more documentations including supporting information, of their attempts at resolution. This is especially true for the more controversial issues of the Grievance and the Compliance Committees.

Because board members are not normally part of the working committee, their only function is for administration and resolving problems brought to them by committee liaisons.

Therefore, only after the committee is unable to resolve the issue is it passed to the board for resolution.

All this and more is documented in the Bylaws and Standing Rules which can be found on the <http://fl-skp-resort.org> website, members section.



Virtual Board Meeting via Google Meet

Tuesday, January 12
10 am

Code Emailed
When Available

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



Want to Know?

Looking for information about outdoor events, area arts and entertainment, classified ads, or sightseeing options in the area or do you want to share a gem you found?

Check out the bulletin board in the pool hallway.

Consider posting your own discovery. Please sign and date your posting. Note: no business cards or advertisements. Other guidelines are posted on the bulletin board.

One local gem Norm and Ginny Milliard recommend and Tripadvisor's #1 attraction and 2020 Travelers' Choice is the Murals of Lake Placid. Lake Placid is located 35 miles southeast of the Resort, about a 40 min. drive.



One of the many trash cans around town.

It is a great walk around town to view over 60 murals painted on the town buildings. Each mural has something hidden in it, a little treasure hunt. Go to the Visitor Center or any hardware store and ask for a copy of the \$4 mural tour book. Also, there are bird paintings, the American Clown Museum and School and amazing trash cans.

Just enter Lake Placid Visitor's Center on 18 N Oak Ave in your GPS or drive south on Rt 27 South to Lake Placid. They also recommend Main Street America as a good place for lunch.

What's Going On This Month?



Thursday, January 7

3 pm

Kitchen Patio

BYOB
Bring Your
Own Beverage

BYOC
Bring Your
Own Chair

To Each His Own Snack

Thursday, January 14

Campfire



6:30 pm

BYO Chairs



January 20-23

While Cracker Capers Takes a Break

Wednesday, January 20

Kick-Off 3 pm

Entertainment and Appetizers Provided by Fun 'n Sun

BYOB
Bring Your
Own Beverage

BYOC
Bring Your
Own Chair

Sign up in the clubhouse.

Thursday, January 21

1 - 3 pm

FLASH
YARD SALE
& Crafts by Our Residents

Friday, January 22

Grill Out & Games

Noon

1 pm

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers

Macaroni Salad

Baked Beans

Brownie

Ice Tea

Tickets \$5 pp

Available Jan 10-16

From Fun 'n Sun Board Member

Tournaments

Corn Hole

Pickleball

Shuffleboard

Winners Announced at

Sunday, January 24

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, January 23

7 pm



What's Going On This Month?



2 pm

Sunday, January 10

\$2 **ROOT BEER**
FLOAT



Sunday, January 24

\$2.50



Blueberry Shortcake Sundaes

Kitchen Patio
BYO Chairs

Sign up in Clubhouse



SK Pettes

All Ladies Are Invited!



Tuesday, January 19

Meet at 1 pm at

221 W Main St, Wauchula

Sign up in Clubhouse

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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

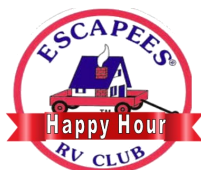


Mon & Wed Fri
Instruction Practice
10 am

Shuffleboard



Mon - Sat ~ 1 pm



Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm

Monday~Weekly Announcements

Kitchen Patio

Bring Your Own Chair

Twice a Week

CARDS

pegs and
tokens

GAMES



Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri-Sat
7 pm

Yard Sale Donations

See Jan Pratt H-9

or call 937-418-9835

to make arrangements to
drop off donations at the shed.



\$3.00

Wednesday ~ 7 pm



on Palm Lane

Wednesday & Saturday
9:00 am

Equipment & Instruction Provided

Players & spectators welcome!

Bring a chair.



Thursday
10:00 am

\$10 for 3 Games
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun

943 S 6th Ave
Downtown Wauchula

Wine B4 Dine



Thursdays

4 pm

Pool Patio

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

At 12:01 am on January 1, for the
first time ever, hindsight will
actually be 2020.



The community herb garden is available to anyone in the park. It is located along the fence around the water tank next to the yard sale shed.

You are invited to snip any of these herbs for your favorite recipe: basil, rosemary, curly parsley, flat parsley, cilantro, oregano, peppermint, lemon balm, sweet mint, and dill.

Actually, snipping the herbs helps promote new growth and keeps them full and vigorous.

When cutting parsley or cilantro, always remove the whole leaf, together with the leaf stalk, nipping it back to where it joins the clump.



When cutting rosemary, if you just want to use a small amount at a time, you can pick off a few of the leaves from the top parts of the sprigs. If you need more, cut a stem leaving 1/4" above another branch.



To cut basil or other leafy herbs, you want to cut central stems back to a lower set of leaves where two tiny leaf buds emerge from the leaf axil. They're pretty easy to spot. Cut the main stem about a quarter inch above the leaf buds.



Goodbye 2020
Don't let the door hit you on the way out.
Welcome 2021
Can you try to do better this year?

And the Results Are In!



The following proposals presented to Fun 'n Sun in December received approval from the membership via text voting.

Proposal #1

Up to \$1,000 to match board for Kitchen/Activity Reserve Fund.

67 Yes 3 No

Proposal #2

\$725 for instant hot water tank for kitchen

69 Yes 4 No

Proposal #3

\$426 for toner for color printer

68 yes 3 No



...to the 20 people who participated in the blood drive on December 7 surpassing our participation goal.

Thanks, also, to the following people who represented the Florida SKP Resort as Salvation Army Bell Ringers on December 11: Terry Regennitter & Linda Cahill, Earl & Leigh Ann Cooper, June Post & Vera Greene, and Bill & Kitty Ewald.

Christmas for Kids



Members and visitors made possible the generous donation of \$795 to support this year's Christmas for Kids campaign. The need is even greater in these challenging times, and every donation is appreciated.



Thirty people enjoyed the poker run before the fresh strawberry

sundaes. The 20 participants and 10 manning the card stations enjoyed a beautiful outdoor afternoon and the fun of the run.

The three winners were #1 Judy Hoffman \$10, #2 Gloria Cote \$7, Sue DeCiero \$3. The people who manned the stations were: Bev Miller, Eva Herman, Jeanne Cook & Jean Ann Hunt, Elinor Gooding & Anne Warren, Bill Oates, Bob Spangler and Noreta

Crayola Treasure Hunt

Over 30 people participated in the treasure hunt in December. Winners were drawn from the nine people who were tied with 9 of the 20 answers correct.

The three winners were Diane Alder, Cathy Landry and Skip LaPlante.

Answers

1. Start at the beginning where one enters the lighted way. It's there but doesn't belong. White: *dumbbell on volcanic rock*
2. "See" the most formally dressed "person" in the park. Black: *glasses on Danny's Chaplin statue*
3. It's "holy" and can be found on a Palm of Palm's. Yellow: *pickleball on palm on Palm Way*
4. Find the green in the North Green, normally part of the grass but look higher. Green: *plastic shamrock necklace in tree near dump station.*
5. See the Canadians and find the blue. Blue: *bands on Canadian geese*
6. This is a cutting edge and may be on the move. Orange: *new lawnmower*
7. Take a 'Leisure'ly stroll. These have to be seen while they are there. Purple: *Merican Petunia in front of Warren's*
8. Their name contains the color pink. These 'Travel'ers can be found on the Trail. Pink: *Flamingos in front of auction shed*
9. Look for a Hershey relation, but don't eat it, but do look inside for "the ring." What color is the ring? Brown: *gold ring inside of Brown emergency belt*
10. Always there but rarely recognized. The 'Bird' has the tallest red one in the park. Red: *poinsettia at Margie Bird's*

Thanks to Norm & Ginny Milliard for all their efforts to provide this fun and challenging hunt.

What Would You Like To Do?

Necessity is the mother of invention; and in this unprecedented time, the Fun 'n Sun Committee has been planning fun, novel activities that help keep us safe. Contact Cathy Landry on A-37 to share YOUR idea for a fun activity.

Family News

Happy Birthday

1/04 Dick Pearce
 1/07 John Cashman
 1/07 Lorraine Young
 1/09 Bill Oates
 1/11 Joan Tarkin
 1/12 Art Dubuc
 1/12 Betty Miller
 1/14 Denny Luppens
 1/15 Stanley Bobek
 1/17 Becky Lunde
 1/19 Diane Beatty
 1/19 Phoebe Bollin
 1/26 Joan Cashman
 1/29 Donna Hixon
 1/29 Ken Bollin
 1/29 Tom Cirou



1/10 Ken & Phoebe Bollin
 1/14 Jim & Elinor Gooding
 1/14 Dale & Jackie Schmidtendorff



Thank You for Making My Day Special!

by Jeanne Cooke

Sunday, December 13th marked my 98th year. It was refreshing and rewarding to have so many SKP's gathered on the kitchen patio. And it turned out to be a beautiful day! I was able to chat with so many of you and reminisce about the old times here in the park.

Noreta Ray read a fun poem; and my daughter, Jean Anne, also had a nice message.

It was a wonderful afternoon complete with memories, special moments, decorations and of course, cake and ice cream!

Thank you all for sharing my special day; and, hopefully, we can all gather again at the same time next year!

Congratulations to Jim & Barb Bolhouse!



Jim and Barb's story began as a family affair. Their dads worked together, and Jim and Barb met when they were teenagers and her family was invited to dinner.

After dating for two years, they married on December 20, 1946, when they were 19 years old. The most upsetting thing that happened at their wedding was when all the bridesmaids went downstairs at the church and opened all of their gifts.

For their honeymoon, they took a train to Chicago and stayed at the Sheraton. When they stopped at the bar for a drink, the bartender served Barb but refused to serve Jim!

Lifelong residents of Michigan, they had three boys, one of whom died after being married 1 1/2 years.

They enjoyed working together at state fairs making taffy candy. Jim could make enough candy in 10 weeks that took some men a whole year. Jim also was a musician who played the organ at their church for 10 years.

When Jim and Barb were staying at Pioneer Park, Donna Hixson's mom and dad invited them to visit our park. They arrived here as everybody was standing around the flagpole which was laying on the ground. The members were trying to figure how to install the pole. Jim, having knowledge of sailing, installed the pole. They eventually put their name on the list to become members.

When asked the secret to a happy marriage, Jim piped up saying, "Always say, 'yes dear!'"

Thank You

by Dick & Nancy Pearce

We've been taking it one day at a time for quite a while now but the many thoughts, prayers and cards have been encouraging and have meant so much to both of us. Thank you all for your care and support.



What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.

Vern McLellan

December Around the Park



Jeanne Cook, 98 years young!



L-r, Jeanne Cook, Vera Greene, Barb Fletcher
Photo: Lynn Lunde



L-r, Lillian White, Lynn Lunde, Katsue Von Ploennies, Cathy Canning, Sue DeCiero, Becky Lunde,



Jay Merritt
viewing Jupiter
and Saturn

Photos: Diane Merritt



Annual
SKPettes
Lunch at
Hotel
Jacaranda

Back row L-r: Audrey Wyatt, Jane Lewis, Cathy Canning, Julie Polter, Ginny Milliard. Front row: Kitty Ewald, Jewell Gosselin, Barb Fletcher, Sue DeCiero, Cathy Canning



Jewell Gosselin



Margie Bird

Jewell Gosselin and Margie Bird enjoying the carolers sharing the carols of Christmas.
Photo: Diane Merritt



Campfire following Christmas caroling.

Photo: Diane Merritt

did
YOU
know?

There are two excellent resources about the nature of Escapee co-ops that any member of the FI SKP Resort would find informative.

Manual for SKP Co-ops and Board of Directors and *Life of a Co-op* are both available on the website under the members tab and also in our library.

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

Florida SKPs Are Hands On to Help Others



Room Raising at the Landrys



Bev Miller's re-built ramp for safe entry into her home.

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