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

December 2017

Message From Our President

Our park is starting to fill up with all our friends returning for the winter as well as those coming for the first time using the new reservation system.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. The dinner at the clubhouse was delicious. Thanks to all who participated.

The committees have been busy this past month evaluating and making recommendations for park improvements.

Four new Board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on February 19. If you are interested in running, please contact JoAnn Silva, Co-char of the Search/Election Committee.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

Respectfully,
Bob Lewis

Board Members

President Bob Lewis, A-13
Vice President Frank King, A-15
Secretary Anne Warren, G-27
Treasurer Bill Oates, H-34
Ass't Treasurer ... Cheryl Lamoreaux, S-7
At Large Earl Cooper, A-4
At Large Norm Milliard, F-4



Board of Directors Call Meeting of Membership

Sat, Dec 2 ~ 2 pm

Presentation of
2018 Proposed Budget
(Copy to be sent to members)

Sat, Dec 16 ~ 9 am

Board finalizes 2018
Budget After Receiving
Member Input



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Cracker Crumbs Distribution

Cracker Crumbs is emailed to all members and the waitlist.

Hard copies will now be available at the office rather than being put in each mailbox or you can print off a copy at home.

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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!

Let's Get Together

Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

Wed, Dec 6

Nicholas' Family
Restaurant
615 N 6th Ave
Wauchula



Sign up in Clubhouse.

Afternoon Coffee



Tues, Dec 12
3 p.m.
Site: F-04

Hosted by Norm & Ginny Milliard



Turkey Soup & Salad Lunch

\$4.00

Wed, Dec 13
12:30 pm

Bring table service.

Sign up in Clubhouse



Wednesdays ~ 7 pm
Clubhouse



SKPettes

Hotel Jacaranda

in downtown Avon Park
is our destination on

Friday, December 22.

We'll meet at 12:30

Cost: \$14.50
payable to June Post
preferably in cash

Sign up in the Clubhouse.

Deadline: December 21

December Crafts

Friday ~ 10 am—noon

December 8
No-Sew Fabric Candy
Dish

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

December 15
Paper Christmas Tree

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

December 22
Christmas Ornaments

Instructor: Ann Castle H-10

Monday Breakfasts

Every week ~ 7:50 am



Ala Carte Menu

PICKLEBALL OPEN COURT

Wednesdays
9 am—noon

Sign up each week in Clubhouse.

The court is located
below the water tower in
downtown Wauchula.

No experience necessary.
Equipment provided.

Players & Spectators
Welcomed!

(Bring lawn chairs and drink.)



Thursdays
10 am

\$8 for 3 games

Bowl of Fun Lanes
943 S 6th Ave
Downtown Wauchula

All Welcome!



**HAPPY
HOUR**

COME & JOIN US

4 pm
Monday
Wednesday
Friday

Clubhouse

Let's Get Together



Christmas Festivities

Christmas Dance

Friday, December 15 ~ 6 pm—?

BYOB and appetizers to share.

Social Hour 6—7 pm

Music Begins 7 pm

Caroling

Saturday, December 23 ~ 6 pm

Cocoa & Campfire Following

Christmas Eve Program

Sunday, December 24 ~ 7 pm

Cookies and Vera's Famous Punch

Christmas Day Dinner

Monday, December 25 ~ 2 pm

Ham & Turkey

Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy Provided
by Fun 'n Sun

Bring your own table service and a dish to share.

Watch for sign ups in the Clubhouse



New Year's Eve

7 pm

Music & Dancing

BYOB and appetizer to share.



New Year's Day

5 pm

Pork 'n Sauerkraut Dinner

\$7 / pp

Tickets will be available
in the Clubhouse.



Calling All Golfers

Join Us!

Sundays, 11:15 am

\$15 Green Fees for 9 Holes

Torrey Oaks Golf Course

Rt. 17, Bowling Green

Ladies, Men, Members & Visitors
All Welcome!

Sign Up in Clubhouse



??? Nelson or Ann Castle H-19
or call 931-239-5154



SKP Area Get-togethers

SKP Lunch—Chapter 57 sponsors a monthly gathering of Escapees in Clermont, FL the first Thursday of the month from November to April at 11 am at the Golden Corral, 1555 Grand Hwy. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rose Irons, 339-896-3799.

Escapees in the area meet for a monthly lunch in Lake Placid, 35 miles from the resort, the fourth

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SKP Area Get-togethers

Thursday of the month at the Golden Corral, 322 US-27, at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rose Irons, 339-890-

Whine B4 Dine

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm

Poolside Patio

Bring your beverage of choice
and a snack to share

Get Involved

Board Vacancies

The Co-op membership will be electing 4 new directors at the Annual Meeting on February 19.



The Selection Committee will be canvassing members to solicit people who are interested in running for the Board of Directors. If you are interested, let JoAnn Silva on G-11, Co-chair of the Selection Committee, know.

There is a particular need for someone with accounting background to share treasurer tasks.



Hardee Help Center

We've donated 86.3 lbs. of food and personal items since April 16.

Most desired food items include

- Canned fruit, applesauce
- Spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables
- Crackers, oatmeal, rice, pasta

Place donations inside the



Help Needed for Annual Palm Tree Trimming

On any given weekday, if it's not raining, you'll find Ken Bollin and an assorted band of helpers trimming the 140 palm trees in the park. Work goes from 8:30 am to late morning.

Collecting the fallen fronds is both a blue and pink job, and many hands make light work. Consider helping a day or two a week.

One palm tree per site if it's located along the road will be trimmed for free. Additional palm trees on a member's lot will be trimmed for \$20 or removed for \$50 plus the dump fee of \$25 or so. If interested, please let the office know.



Blood Drive



Monday, December 4

9 am—1 pm

Sign up in the Clubhouse.

Christmas Cookies for Christmas Eve

Cookies and Vera's famous punch will be served following the Christmas Eve program.



Share your favorite Christmas cookie by signing up in the Clubhouse to bring a 'batch' or 1-2 dozen to share.

Look for the sign up in the Clubhouse later in the month.

For more information, contact Sue Mannery H-39.

Christmas 'Toy' Drive



Hardee County Sheriff Office &

Wauchula Police requesting

WALMART GIFT CARDS or **CASH**.

Collection box is in the office.

Deadline: December 13



Get Involved

Want to Help? Need Help?

In true SKP style, there is a list of volunteers who are available to assist you should you need help. There is a list on the bulletin board in the poolside hallway of the Clubhouse.

We would like to update this list. Look for the sign up in the Clubhouse to add your name and how you can help.

Please let Margery Zeller, margery.zeller1@gmail.com, know if you need to make a change to the list below.

For your convenience, what is on the list in the hallway is also listed below.

Name	Phone	Site	Help With
Joe Belanger	706-840-0766	H-38	mechanical electrical plumbing
John Bisson	330-801-2253	A-39	mechanical
Kenny Breault	518-791-1283	A-31	power wash anything ~ leave a message
Bob Clark	734-646-2178	G-13	leave message
Earl Cooper	330-608-8341	A-04	
Art Dubuc	863-448-2908	A-34	
Ray Heaton	352-223-8530	G-17	
Kathy Heaton	352-223-8530	G-17	
Donna Hixson	863-832-0320	H-33	year round' email: dghixson@gmail.com
Bud Hodgkins	802-281-2041	H-10	
Sue Hohman	717-360-6674	A-23	
Frank King	860-884-3355	A-15	
Cheryl Lam-oreaux	607-227-3526	S-07	ride to store, dr, pick up groceries, etc.
Kevin McIntyre	440-289-7178	G-09	
Bev Miller	217-303-4683	F-02	
Norm Milliard	603-498-6913	F-04	
June Post	440-776-4109	H-06	Ride to store, dr., grocery shop
Noreta Ray	863-273-9136	G-23	'go fer' & ride to Walmart, store, dr., etc.
Susan Wszalek	716-472-4813	S-02	

January Deadline for *Cracker Crumbs*

Please send me any information for the January issue ASAP. The holidays will make meeting the publication deadline a challenge.

Thank you!
Margery H-32



On the Homefront



Night Time Safety Reminders

by Ray Heaton

1. Have headlights and taillights turned on bicycles.
2. Wear a reflective vest when walking.
3. Wear a blinking light on your belt or on your dog's collar.



All purchases you make at the Ace Hardware in Wauchula can be credited to the Resort's Ace Hardware reward card.

Just give them the Resort phone number, 863-735-1499, at checkout.



Presentation

Monday, December 11



Attention E-Readers

Consider These Reasons to Checkout the Clubhouse Library

- 🔊 DVDs
- 🔊 Health / diet books
- 🔊 Magazines
- 🔊 Cookbooks
- 🔊 Audio books
- 🔊 Cracker Crumbs / current and past issues
- 🔊 Travel / cruise books
- 🔊 Craft / hobby / how to books
- 🔊 RV campgrounds
- 🔊 RV repair books
- 🔊 A quiet place to use your e-reader!

Clubhouse Kitchen Reminders



- Refrigerators are for park usage. If you have an emergency, contact Jane Lewis A-13 to inquire about using them.
- When borrowing an item from the kitchen, please note it on the sign-out board. Note when you return it as well.
- Wet rags should be placed in the bucket of sanitizer under the sink when you're done.
- Those wishing to use the kitchen for holiday baking should contact Jane Lewis A-13 to avoid scheduling conflicts.



Palm Tree Planting

The Landscape Committee will be overseeing the planting of four or five 12-15' street palms. The locations will be determined by the Committee.

If you are interested in having your lot be considered for placement of one of these trees, please sign up in the Clubhouse by Dec.8.

Presentation by



on

**Monday, December 18
Following Morning
Announcements**

Learn about the free tax help available during tax season. Tax-Aide is also looking for volunteers to help expand the Hardee County tax team. They will also field any questions there may be.

For a cost of \$250, any member can have a 12-15' sabal palm tree planted on their lot. Unlike the new street trees, these trees will be added to the members' assessment, and their maintenance will be the responsibility of the member.

The Landscape Committee can provide instructions for the necessary bracing to be used until the tree is firmly established. Trees will need to be watered several times a week until the spring rains start.

On the Homefront



The annual pruning of the palm trees along the streets of the co-op is under-way. While

these “street trees” are pruned at no cost to the members on whose lots they are located, members are reminded they are responsible for maintaining the neat appearance of any other trees on their lots.

Pruning of additional trees is available at a cost of \$20 per tree. The crew will also do tree removal at a cost of \$50 per tree plus the cost of dumping fees (around \$30 per tree depending on weight). Sign up in the office for the pruning of additional trees or for tree removal.



Happy Birthday

12/5 Bob Beckwith
 12/5 Bob Lewis
 12/6 Helen Dwyer
 12/13 Jeanne Cooke
 12/22 Lillian White
 12/7 Richard Harig
 12/16 Gerald Molitor
 12/27 James Dwyer
 12/31 James Caldwell

Anniversary Wishes

12/4 Tom & Bev Cirou
 12/7 Bud & Marsha Hodgkins
 12/8 Bill & Kitty Ewald
 12/20 James & Barbara Bolhouse
 12/26 Rob & Diane Beatty
 12/30 Bob & Carol Ann Iles

Arrivals/ Moves/ Departures

Moved to a Different Site
 H-31 Robert Crystal to S-05



The main meeting room in the Clubhouse is all decked out with new table skirts which are a wonderful addition to the newly painted walls and polished floors. We appreciate all your efforts, Jane!

Thank you to those who signed up to represent the Resort as Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Walmart!



NEW MEMBER



Paul Newhouse, S-06

by Marsha Hodgkins

Paul Newhouse became a member of the Co-op last February. He has a travel trailer which is towed behind his son, Michael's motor home. Michael and his companion, Donna, travel wherever Paul wants to go, and they enjoy boondocking with Escapes.

Paul retired at age 51 and has been traveling ever since. He lost his wife two years ago so his closest companion is Ollie, a Heinz 57 variety dog. He has been to Alaska three times to visit his brother who works the coal mines there.

Besides his son, Michael, Paul has another son in Colorado and one grandchild.

Paul worked the family business of farm equipment his grandfather started in Alexandria, MN. He and his father built steam engines for machines that worked the corn and wheat fields. Later, Paul's grandfather changed to selling boats and later, to selling RVs. Paul comes from a long line of RVers.

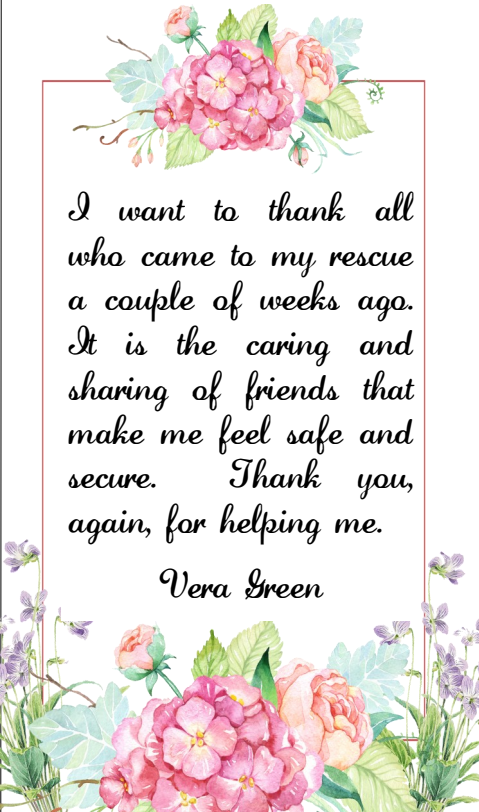
Paul likes to alternate winters between the West Coast and Florida. He has been north as far as North Carolina but has never seen the Northeast and says he probably never will.

Watching the stock market and maintaining his stocks are his hobby besides traveling.

Birthday 7/26 Phone: 320-834-2387

I want to thank all who came to my rescue a couple of weeks ago. It is the caring and sharing of friends that make me feel safe and secure. Thank you, again, for helping me.

Vera Green



Looking Ahead



Upcoming Events

A book club will be starting in January. The first book will be *Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Facilitator is Laurie Milliard H-37.

Mark your calendar for **Cracker Capers** January 24-28.

The **Annual Meeting** will be Monday, February 19.

Wrapping Up Christmas

Wrap Christmas lights around a hanger to keep them from getting tangled.



Upcoming Community Events

South Carolina Ballet: The Nutcracker Avon Park
Tuesday, December 5 ~ 7 pm
South Florida State College Performing Arts
Tickets @ <http://www.sfscarts.org>

Hometown Christmas Wauchula
Friday, December 8 ~ 6-9 pm
Downtown
Shop downtown businesses and vendors. Tap your feet to the Christmas beat of the Hardee Senior High Band and a variety of other local performers.

Wine Walk Arcadia
Friday, December 8 ~ 4:30-8:00 pm
Historic Downtown
Live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, wine samples while touring historic district.
Tickets \$20 at Eventbrite.com

A Saxy Christmas Concert Sebring
December 23 ~ 7 pm
The Circle Theater
Saxophonist Eirinn Abu & guitarist Manny Lopez. Tickets at sunevents.com

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