



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

March 2018



CO-OP Annual Meeting

Board of Directors 2018 Election Results

Congratulations to Ed Landry, Bob Lewis, Margaret McIntyre and Anne Warren who were elected to a two-year term.

The officers for 2018-19 are:

President Bob Lewis, A-13
Vice President Frank King, A-15
Secretary Anne Warren, H-18
Treasurer Cheryl Lamoreaux, S-07
Ass't Treasurer . Margaret McIntyre, A-14
At Large Ed Landry, A-35
At Large Norm Milliard, F-04

Board meetings are open to the public, and meetings are posted on the bulletin boards three days prior to the meeting.



I-r Back Row: Bob Lewis, Norm Milliard, Ed Landry, Frank King, Front Row: Cheryl Lamoreaux, Anne Warren, Margaret McIntyre

There were 10 proposals presented to the membership in their annual meeting packets, 5 for by-law changes and 5 for standing rule changes.

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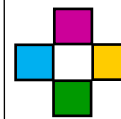
Proposals 3 and 6 for by-law changes were approved, most notably the CO-OP becoming a 55+ community. It essentially enables the park to continue to be governed by our own by-laws and protects us from certain discrimination claims while preserving the nature of our resort as a retirement place for older persons.

Proposals 1, 8, 9 and 10 regarding changes to our standing rules passed. Proposals 2, 4, 5, and 7 failed or were returned to committee.

Thank you to the park guests who prepared and served lunch so that the members could participate in this important meeting.

Mosaic

As a newly elected member of the board, Ed Landry, shares his thoughts.



Our park is like a mosaic. A mosaic is a piece of art or image made from the assemblage of small pieces or other material.

To me, our SKP resort is a mosaic where the people make up the pieces and our actions are the glue or cement that binds everything together.

As people or pieces leave our resort and new pieces come into it, our picture or image changes. Our mosaic is constantly changing and evolving.

People can be so interesting on an individual level but when combined into a group, like our mosaic, they become so much more than the individual parts.

People come into our park and are amazed at what it looks like. We have all contributed to this ever-changing mosaic.

I believe that our park, like a mosaic, is a piece of art and what makes it so are the pieces of you and me.

Sunday, March 11
2 am



Special Events

DANNY'S FAMOUS



Saturday, March 10 ~ 5 pm

Tickets \$8

Bring Place Setting

**Tickets on sale until
Monday, March 5**

from Fun 'n Sun Board Members
and Danny Lindstrom

Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

Open to everyone
in the park.

**Wednesday
March 7**



**Ruby Tuesday's
4228 Sebring Hwy
Sebring**

Sign Up in the Clubhouse

More Info: Leigh Ann Cooper A-4

Omelets in a Bag Shuffleboard Fundraiser

Thursday, March 8

7:50 am

\$4 pp



Bring Place Setting



Sign Up in the Clubhouse

SKPettes

All the ladies in the park are invited to
our last luncheon of the season at

AMAZING GRACE

Tea House



In downtown Wauchula on the corner
by the post office.

Thursday, March 22 at 1 pm

Meet at the Club-
house at 12:30 to
carpool.



Sign Up in the Clubhouse

There will be a menu by the sign up.



The American flag is a symbol of
freedom and liberty. It is a banner in
war, a heraldry in times of peace
and a symbol of American pride.

When it is presented to the family of
a deceased soldier on "behalf of a
grateful nation," they are told "please

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St. Patrick's Day

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Serving at 5 pm

Tickets \$8

Bring Place Setting

Sunday, March 18

Tickets on sale until

Monday, March 12

from Fun 'n Sun Board Members

Live Music & Dancing
with Frankie E

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Open to Everyone

ROMEOs



The ROMEOs are headed to the

Double J Restaurant

on the outskirts of Wauchula on

Thursday, March 22

Meet at the Clubhouse at 11 am.

Sign Up in the Clubhouse

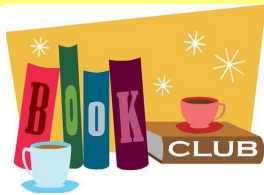
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accept this flag as a symbol of our
respect and gratitude for your loved
one's service to this nation." It is a
cherished possession.

According to flag etiquette, when a
flag is so worn it is no longer fit to
serve as a symbol of our country, it
should be destroyed by burning in a
dignified manner.

There will be a flag retirement ceremo-
ny here at the park on Friday, March
9, at 4 pm at the fire ring in the green
space across from the entrance to the
Clubhouse. Bring a lawn chair.

Monthly Activities



**2nd Friday
of Month
March 9
1 pm**

The Orchid Thief
by Susan Orlean

This nonfiction book is about orchids, orchid growers, and Florida. You are likely to learn a lot about the animals and plants in Florida and be introduced to some colorful human characters.

Available on Kindle and paperback.

Questions?
Laurie Milliard H-37 or
425-770-1902.



**Afternoon
Coffee**

Tuesday, March 13

Tuesday, March 27

3 p.m.

Site: F-04

(Bring lawn chair)



**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.

The **Escapees** monthly lunch in Lake Placid on the fourth Thursday of the month is no longer meeting.



Meeting

Everyone's a committee member!

**Monday, March 5
9 am**

Paint-a-Long Watercolors with Joan

Friday, March 16

Tulips in a Glass Jar
Paint-A-Long Class
Techniques: brush and
water control, basic wash
and glazing



Friday, March 23



*Haitian Women
Bearing Baskets*

Guided class, open to
creativity

Techniques: brush and water control,
dry brush and wet-on-wet

Class begins at 1 pm

• All supplies included. Cost: \$2

Limit 10 students.

Sign Up in the Clubhouse

Questions? Joan Tarkin H-36



Sunday, March 25 ~ 2 pm

\$2.00



Sign Up in the Clubhouse

Get Involved

The Difference Between Being on a Committee and Participating on a Work Project

by Norm Milliard

We often hear compliments on how good our park looks. Not only are Tom, Denny and Tomasa doing excellent work, but there are a number of committees working on small and large projects.

However, our committees aren't expected to do all the work but rather to provide opportunities for everyone to be involved in the upkeep of our community.

That's where work projects come in. We are asking people to join in on these work projects.

Will you give an hour to landscape in their project to make the pond a focal point of our park?

Will you assist in one of the small paint jobs that need done before the end of the season?

Simply put, there are numerous small and large projects that need done.

We need your help and shortly there will be postings in the clubhouse of specific jobs. Check it out and see where you can make a difference.

From



Thank you for hosting a blood drive and sharing your power to save lives!

We are pleased to share that the February blood drive resulted in 14 procedures. With each procedure saving up to three lives, that means 42 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of the SKP donors.

Thanks again for your support.

Get Involved

Volunteer Opportunities at Florida Hospital Wauchula

With seasonal volunteers preparing to head north, there is a great opportunity for those remaining at the park to serve our hospital and community, make new friends, and enrich your own life.

Whether you're a social butterfly or a worker bee, there's a niche for you. Volunteers are needed to support and reassure patients and families or provide assistance with admissions and discharges to assisting with clerical work or the gift shop operations.

If you're able to provide just 4 hours a week and want to make a meaningful difference in the community, contact Lisa Cooper, Volunteer Services Manager, at lisa.cooper@ahss.org or (863) 402-3368.

Help Spread the Word

For those of you traveling this summer and meeting other Escapees, let them know about the 25% discount offered here at the Resort for first-time Escapee guests. The discount is good from April 15—November 15.

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



To show how much we love SKP visitors, we are offering FIRST-TIME Escapee guests a 25% discount on your rental fee* from April 15—November 15.

*Exclusive of electricity
Make your reservation by calling 863-735-1499

There are business cards available at the office window specifically promoting this discount. Take some brochures to share as well.

Editor

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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!

Non-member subscription available via email for free.

Weekly Recurring Events



Socials

Breakfast..... 7:50 am M
Happy Hour..... 4:00 pm M, W, F
Table of Knowledge Coffee..... 6:45 am M-F
Weekly Activity Announcements..... 9:00 am M
Whine B4 Dine 4:00 pm Th

Activities

Bible Study 9:30 am T
Bingo 7:00 pm W
Bowling..... 10:00 am Th
Cards & Games 7:00 pm M, Th, F, S, S
Chair Exercise..... 10:00 am Th
Crafts & Woodworking 9:00 am F
Exercise 9:00 am T, W, F
Golf..... 9:30 am S
Line Dancing 10:00 am M
Mexican Train 1:00 pm T
Movies & Popcorn 7:00 pm T
Pickleball..... 9:00 am W
Shuffleboard..... 1:00 pm M-F

March Crafts

Friday ~ 10 am—noon

Please sign up by the Thursday before.

- March 2** **Ring Holder**
Made with shells and stones Cost \$3.00 Class Limit 10 Instru-
tor: Dick Harig S-01
- March 9** **Shamrock Zipper Pins**
Cost \$1.00 Class Limit 18 Supplies provided.
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10
- March 16** **Beaded Bracelets**
Cost \$2.00 Supplies provided.
Instructor: Monica Behun A-19
- March 23** **Illuminated Bottles**
Cost \$6 (pay Marsha by March 16—supplies need to be ordered)
Bring an empty wine bottle
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10
- March 30** **Make It for the Hospital**
Project to be announced.

Final craft class for the season. No craft classes in April.

On the Home Front

What Did We Learn at Our Annual Meeting?

by Norm Milliard

We're Never Too Old to Learn

The Board acknowledges the annual meeting needs to be shorter, crisper and more defined.

To that end, the Board plans to review every proposal well before the packets go out in order to:

1. improve the written quality
2. include the reason for the proposal
3. address possible issues of controversy
4. help sponsors of the proposals prepare for their presentation
5. possibly define board support for or against proposals to help proxy voters.

In the future, committee reports will be presented in a different way, possibly at the town hall meeting, in a booklet, or be available on line for interested parties.

The moderator, secretary and Elections Committee will discuss voting procedures and requirements before the meeting, establishing common understanding of what is required to manage the meeting.

Lastly, all members who did not attend in person or by proxy this year, approximately 25% of the membership, will be contacted to explain the importance of their vote. This lack of participation makes it difficult to do business.

Of course the Board is interested in your view.



Election Results for 2018-19 Season

At the February Fun 'n Sun meeting, the following members were elected

Chairman.....Phoebe Bollin
Vice-Chair Cathy Landry
Treasurer.....Janet Gibson
Secretary.....June Post
Members-at-Large Jane Lewis
Lanette Breault
Susan Wszalek



Back Row, l-r, Phoebe Bollin, Cathy Landry, Janet Gibson, June Post Front Row, l-r, Lanette Breault, Jane



Birthday Wishes

3/3 John Ray
3/6Norman Milliard the Younger
3/10 Vera Greene
3/10 Gilbert Hagen
3/11 Arlene Krueger
3/13 Richard Frenz
3/14Ray Heaton
3/15 Helen Frenz
3/16 Elinor Gooding
3/16 Tony Pettinato

Anniversary Wishes

3/15 John & Noreta Ray

NEW MEMBER



Marty & June Parr, H-29

by Marsha Hodgkins

Our newest members, who received a lot on February 21, are Marty and June Parr at home on H-29. While RVing long before their retirement in 2010, Marty and June have enjoyed six-seven months on the road each year since then. They are also lot owners in Benson, AZ at Saguaro Park.

Marty and June are still homeowners in Grand Ledge, Michigan. They occupy their home half the year and last winter while off RVing, Marty had to return home to deal with a Northern homeowner's worst nightmare. Frozen water pipes had burst on the top floor of the house, and the bottom floor was flooded with 48,000 gallons of water before being found.

An engineer in machine design was Marty's occupation for 33 years even though he grew up in the family grocery business. Ask Marty about the night he had to take over the store for his dad and his experience grinding hamburger.

June was home with the three children for years and later worked for the state's Department of Health as a secretary. They have two girls and one boy as well as five grandchildren.

Birthdays Marty 5/10; June 12/1
Anniversary 4/7

On the Home Front

Committee Selection Process

by Norm Milliard

This year, as in some past years, the Board is working to involve new and different people on committees.

With the influx of 17 new members in the past two years, it's an important opportunity to tap into their life experiences and welcome their contributions to the park. We have spent time interviewing people in an effort to reach that goal.

It's clear that some committees were over-populated with non-participants and others had little in the way of new members. We have worked hard to strengthen and expand committee membership. Not everyone who expressed an interest in a particular committee was placed on that committee.

However, all committee meetings continue to be open to the membership. Watch the bulletin boards for committee meeting announcements and know your attendance will be welcomed.

If you have a particular suggestion, question, or concern, feel free to speak with the committee chair at any time,

The list of committees and their chairs is posted on the bulletin board to the right of the office window.

Arrivals/ Moves/Departures

Departures

H-21 Sondra Holloway

Moved to a Different Site

H-06 June Post to H-21

H-29 Rick & Sue DeCiero to H-06

New Members

H-29 Marty & June Parr



Important Info for Those on the Wait List

The annual letter to those on the wait list has or will be sent out via email in early March.

To ensure that you receive all mailings and information from the Wait List Committee, please put this address in your contact list so their emails do not go to your spam or junk folder.

waitlist@flskpresort.org

All communications from the Wait List Committee are done via email. It is imperative that you help keep their records up to date by reading all Florida SKP Resort emails.

It is our desire to keep you informed and respond to your inquiries in a timely manner. Feel free to contact us at any time via the email address noted above.

Fire Ant Update

by Paul Zeller

Last month we told you about fire ant bait that was going to be applied to green spaces and public areas around the Co-op as a test.

The bait is supposed to be able to kill entire colonies of ants making it possible to go 3 to 6 mos. between applications.

Initial results for bait applied during the week of Feb. 12 look promising. After 48 hours, most of the previously -active ant mounds had no more ants, and almost all ants were gone after 72 hours.

The treated areas will be monitored over the coming weeks to see how long it takes fire ants to reappear. More tests are planned over the summer.

Departure Checklist

Check lists are an excellent tool for packing your rv, hitching up, or packing for a trip, especially if it is something you do infrequently.



We are in the process of creating a list to help members prepare their sites and RVs for their summer absence.

Here is the start of our list. What have we missed? What do you do? Send your suggestions to the *Cracker Crumbs* editor.

- Trim any vegetation that could interfere with mowing.
- Check shed for leaks, and any loose shingles/siding. Repair before leaving if possible.
- Close, lock windows and cover with reflective material if desired.
- Remove detached steps, potted plants & other outdoor items which could move in a storm.
- Protect items in sheds, tied down rigs and park models from humidity.
- Empty refrigerator and cupboards of food items which may spoil.
- Turn off propane.
- If you leave electricity on, be sure appliances and other electric cords are in good condition and circuits are not overloaded.
- Remove items which could melt during the summer heat. (candles, medicines)
- Close and lock hurricane shutters.
- Seal cracks and crevices to keep rodents from moving in.

Correction

My apologies to Chris Blakely who was one of the two winners in the Cracker Capers Pickleball Tournament. His last name was incorrectly stated. (Don't ask. I don't have a clue where it came from.)

On the Home Front

By Request

The Luau Committee under the capable leadership of Cathy Landry, provided a night to be remembered. Decorator extraordinaire, Barb Fletcher, and her committee transformed the Clubhouse into a tropical paradise.

The Hawaiian-inspired menu included Huli Huli Chicken, Confetti Rice, Hawaiian Cole Slaw, and Orange Mandarin Cake.

Cathy was happy to share the chicken recipe.



Huli Huli Chicken

Serves 6

- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 3 T. ketchup
- 3 T. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 3/4 T. sherry or chicken broth
- 1 1/4 t. minced fresh ginger
- 1 1/4 t. minced garlic
- 12 boneless chicken thighs (about 2 1/2 #)

Mix first six ingredients. Reserve half for basting; cover and refrigerate.

Place thighs and remaining marinade in large resealable plastic bag. Turn to coat. Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

Drain and discard marinade from chicken. Moisten a paper towel with cooking oil; using long-handled tongs, lightly coat the grill rack.

Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat for 6-8 mins. on each side or until no longer pink. Baste occasionally with reserved marinade during the last 5 mins.

Looking Ahead

Easter Dinner Pot Luck

Sunday, April 1
2 pm

Ham & Cheesy Potatoes
Provided by Fun 'n Sun

Bring your own table setting
and a dish to share.



58th Escapade Sedalia, MO May 27 - June 1

Seeking SKP Resort Reps

The park is looking for volunteers to staff The Row during the Escapade in Sedalia, Missouri. If you're interested in representing the Florida SKP Resort, please contact Margery Zeller.

We'll provide the banner, brochures, business cards, promotional goodies, and other information about our park.

Escapees Chapter 57 Spring Rally

Cypress Campground & RV Park
7400 Cypress Grdens Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Arrive Wednesday, April 13
Depart Sunday, April 15

For more information, call
(863) 324-7400



Kitchen Deep Cleaning Tuesday & Wednesday April 3 & 4

Watch for a sign-up
In the Clubhouse.

Have
you
seen
this
pair
of
geese
migrat-



ing through the park? There was even an egg by one goose for a while. Why do the geese stay here?

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

Off the Beaten Path

Maxwell Groves

by Norm Milliard



This is a hidden gem that many have never discovered. Ginny and I seek it out at least every two weeks.

Maxwell Groves is located in Avon Park. Turn left out of the park on to Route 64 and continue to Avon Park. After crossing Route 27, continue past the Jacaranda Hotel, on your left. At the other end of town, you'll pass the small lake and travel up the hill past the high school. Just after the high school, on the left, you'll see a sign for Maxwell Groves.

Follow the signs to a little country store with a front porch covered with orange rocking chairs.

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As you go inside and walk to the back room to get a drink of their great juice, you'll pass by their orange ice cream machine.

The machine makes both vanilla and orange ice cream, available in a twist if you wish. The 'in the know locals' will tell you to get just orange, and we always do. It is a very refreshing soft serve orange, only made when oranges are in season. It contains no cream or milk products but is very smooth. We have a friend who drives for more than an hour to get this treat.

Just another little hidden Florida location you'll come back to visit. Oh yes, the orange treat must be eaten in one of those rockers.

Around Town

Peace River Walk-n-Talk

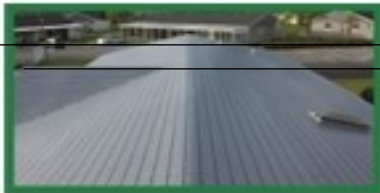
Hosted by the City of Wauchula, this guided tour of Peace River Park on Thursday, March 8, is free and open to the public.

Sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen, and water are recommended. The tour will start at 9 am and typically lasts two hours.

The park is managed to preserve the mixed bottomland hardwood forest and to provide an optimal wildlife habitat. Topics of discussion will include plant identification, natives vs exotics, Peace River, wetlands and flooding.

Meet at Peace River Park, 1322 E. Main Street in downtown Wauchula. For more information, contact Olivia Minshew at (863) 773-9193.

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