



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

December 2018

## Message From Our President

Welcome back everyone! It is good to see all of you.

A lot of people have commented how good the park looks and that is because everyone has been pitching in.

For those who aren't in the park but want the park looking good, too, can have their shed or cement pad cleaned for \$25 each. Contact the office to put your name on the list for cleaning.

Tree trimming operations are in full swing. Thank you all for your hard work to keep our palm tree-lined streets attractive.

At the November Board meeting, Jim Krueger was appointed assistant treasurer to fill Margaret McIntyre's term. We thank Margaret for her work as assistant treasurer and wish her the best.

With the start of the season, committees are busy working to help the park run smoothly.

The mail service is being reviewed with new recommendations to follow.

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

*Bob Lewis*



Although we are always delighted when guests come to visit our fair park, December is when the arrival of guests begins in earnest.

We look forward to returning friends and to guests who will become friends.

You are invited to any activity or event that interests you. You can find out more at the slide show running on the screen or at the sign up table in the Clubhouse or by asking someone.



## Board of Director Calls Meeting of Membership

**Mon, Dec 3 ~ 10:00 am**

Presentation of  
Proposed 2019 Budget  
(Copy will be sent to members)

**Mon, Dec 17 ~ 9:30 am**

Board finalizes 2019 Budget

\* Monthly Board meetings are open to all.

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## Rental Update

As of the end of November, we are essentially booked for December, January and February except for some random days. There are a few sites remaining for March.

We are excited to introduce newcomers to our park. We have received a lot of positive feedback not only on the friendliness of our members but also the appearance of our park. Thanks to our members who are taking responsibility for keeping their lots and the rest of the park well-maintained.

This all factors in to others wanting to become members. Currently, the wait list is at 104.

## December Special Events

### Christmas Festivities

#### Holiday Dance Party

Saturday, December 15 ~ 6 pm - ?

BYOB & Appetizer to Share  
Social Hour 6 pm Music 7 pm

#### Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 22 ~ 6 pm

Caroling & Campfire &  
Hot Cocoa Following

#### Christmas Eve Program

Monday, December 24 ~ 7 pm

Cookies & Vera's Famous Punch  
Sign Up to Bring Cookies

#### Christmas Day Dinner

Tuesday, December 25 ~ 2 pm

Turkey & Ham, Stuffing,  
Mashed Potatoes Provided  
Bring Table Service & Dish to Share



### New Year's Eve

7 pm

#### Music & Dancing

BYOB & Appetizer to Share

### New Year's Day

5 pm

#### Roast Pork & Pork 'n Sauerkraut Dinner

Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Black-eyed Peas  
Applesauce  
Dessert

\$7 pp

Tickets on Sale Dec 17-27

Phoebe Bollin G-24

Lanette Breault A-31

Janet Gibson G-12

Cathy Landry A-35

Jane Lewis A-13

June Post H-21

### Board Members

President ..... Bob Lewis, A-13

Vice President ..... Frank King, A-15

Secretary ..... Anne Warren, H-18

Treasurer ..... Cheryl Lamoreaux, S-07

Ass't Treasurer ..... Jim Krueger, H-20

At Large ..... Ed Landry, A-35

At Large ..... Norm Milliard, F-04



*Bud and Marsha Hodgkins  
invite you to join them on  
Sunday, December 9,  
as they celebrate their  
50th wedding anniversary.  
Cake and ice cream  
will be served at 2 pm  
in the clubhouse.*

Please, no gifts or cards, BUT  
hugs and smiles are always welcome!



## December Monthly Events

### Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

Jimmy's Greek American Grill

Wednesday, December 12

Meet at 1:30 pm

1520 Lakeview Dr, Sebring

Couples & Singles - All Are Welcome

Sign Up in Clubhouse

For more info, see Leigh Ann Cooper A-4



**Meeting**

**Everyone's a member!**

**Monday, December 3 - 9:15 am**



### Afternoon Coffee

Tuesday at 3:00 pm  
December 4 & 18

Site: F-04 1272 Travel Trail  
(Bring lawn chair)

Hosted by  
**Norm & Ginny Milliard**



### SK Pettes

Thursday, December 20

Meet at 1:00 pm at  
beautifully decorated

### Jacaranda Hotel

19 E. Main St., Avon Park

\$14.50 payable in advance (cash preferable)

for a buffet-style meal

to June Post H-21, 2226 Leisure Lane

### Sign Up in Clubhouse

Anyone needing a ride or directions, meet at the Clubhouse at 12:15 pm or contact June in advance at [rjpost11429@gmail.com](mailto:rjpost11429@gmail.com) or by phone at 440-796-4109.



Friday, December 21  
1 pm

*The Language of Flowers*  
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

This is a quick read about a young woman who has spent a tough childhood in the foster-care system. Upon emancipation, she is unable to trust other people or get close to anyone. Her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings, gleaned from Victorian flower dictionaries. The way she makes her way into adult life is heart-breaking, but her solutions are creative and ultimately hopeful. You will learn a lot from this book!

Laurie Milliard has several copies available to borrow. Reach her at site H37, at [laurie.milliard@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.milliard@gmail.com), or at 425-770-1902.



### O Come all Ye Faithful

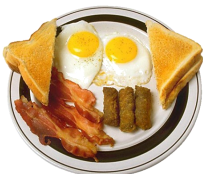


## Weekly Activities

### Monday Breakfast

7:50 am

### Ala Carte Menu



Announcements 9:00 am

### Movie Night

Tuesdays ~ 7 pm

50¢ for movie & popcorn



**BYOB**

Bring Your Own Bowl



**Thursdays  
10 am**

\$9 for 3 games  
(Includes shoes)

Bowl of Fun Lanes  
943 S 6th Ave  
Downtown Wauchula

**All Welcome!**

## Weekly Activities

### December Crafts

Fridays at 9 am

**December 7**

#### Paint Chip Holiday Cards

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins

**December 15**

#### Felt Ornament

Instructor: Lanette Breault

**December 21**

#### Yarn Woven Stars

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins

**December 28**

#### Hospital Favors

Variety of Crafts Available  
Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins



**Wednesday ~ 7 pm**  
**\$3.00**

### Pickleball

Palm Lane here at park



**Wednesdays ~ 9:30 am**

#### Editor

Margery Zeller, Site H-32

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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!

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available via email for free.

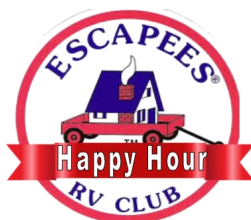
## Meet & Greet

### Morning Coffee

Monday - Friday ~ 6:45 am



**Clubhouse**



**Mon—Wed—Fri ~ 4 pm**  
**Clubhouse**

### Whine B4 Dine

Thursdays ~ 4:00 pm

#### Poolside Patio

Bring your beverage of choice  
and a snack to share.

#### January Deadline for *Cracker Crumbs*

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

Thank you!  
**Margery H-32**

## On the Home Front

### Park Directories

Directories with contact information  
for members will be available in  
early December. The directory will  
also include a members' site map to  
make it even easier to find each  
other.

There will be a form on the last  
page of the directory if you have  
changes or additions to your infor-  
mation. Place the completed form in  
the office mail slot in the mailroom.

If it is determined that we are able  
to ensure its security, the directory  
may be posted on the MEMBERS  
ONLY page of the website for the  
convenience of our traveling mem-  
bers.

Updated information will be provid-  
ed as it becomes available.

### Christmas for Kids



**Deadline: December 10**

Accepting cash and Walmart gift cards  
to donate to

**Hardee County's**  
**Shop a Cop and Explorers**

Place donations in the  
office slot in the mailroom  
marked "Christmas for Kids."

## Capital Improvement Fund

This fall, the Planning Committee asked Finance and the Board to consider ways that the Co-op could become proactive in addressing the dwindling rental pool.

As a result, the Finance Committee and the Board are proposing the creation of a dedicated capital improvement fund to support the development of park-owned rental sites.

The Capital Improvement Fund would be used to create 10-12 grass, full-service sites over two years. These sites would be developed in the present boondocking and overflow areas. No green space would be used. The site creation plan will require Board and membership approval.

The purpose of having park-owned sites is to increase the number of rental sites that is currently being depleted because of the addition of park models, cottage trailers and tied down RVs.

Maintaining a healthy-sized rental pool not only provides income that helps keep our annual maintenance fee in check, but also introduces our park to Escapees and ultimately grows the Wait List which helps ensure the viability of the park in the years ahead.

There is an excellent report that will be available at the December 3 and 17 Board meetings or in the office that will answer many of your questions. Members will have opportunities to ask questions and provide input to the Board before it is presented for a vote at the annual meeting in February.

In addition to the Board, the following people are also available to answer questions and hear your comments and concerns.

Joe Belanger ..... H-28  
Chris Blakely ..... H-26  
Lanette Breault..... A-31  
Art Dubuc ..... A-34  
Pat Dubuc ..... A-34  
Cathy Landry..... A-35  
Norman Milliard, III .... H-37  
Bill Oates..... H-34  
Dale Schmidtendorff .G-26  
Joan Tarkin ..... H-36

## Members' Guests

It's always fun to meet family and friends of our members when they come to visit.

If they are spending the night, a reminder to our members that it is their responsibility to register any overnight guest(s) staying with them.

Please be responsible hosts and register your guests.



## Support Our Bell Ringers

Stop by the Wauchula Walmart between 9 am—5 pm on Tues or Wed, Dec 4 & 5, to show our

Florida SKP Resort bell ringers we appreciate them!

## Three Wise Women

Would have asked for directions

Arrived on time

Helped deliver the baby

Brought practical gifts

Cleaned the stable

Made a casseroles

and there would be

Peace on earth



12/1 ..... June Parr  
12/5 ..... Bob Beckwith  
12/5 ..... Bob Lewis  
12/6 ..... Helen Dwyer  
12/7 ..... Richard Harig  
12/7 ..... Mary Lou Naughton  
12/13 ..... Jeanne Cooke  
12/13 ..... Michael Milliard  
12/22 ..... Lillian White  
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 ..... Jim & Barbara Bolhouse  
12/26 ..... Rob & Diane Beatty  
12/30 ..... Bob & Carol Ann Iles



## Condolences

**M**arianne Price, has informed us that her husband, Robert, has passed away. She plans to keep their G-03 site.

## Hardee County Emergency Numbers

Life Threatening ..... 911  
Hardee County Animal Control ..... (863) 773-2320  
(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**





## Reservation Inquiry Form Added to Website

It is now possible for guests to make reservation inquiries and requests on our website.

As of Nov 29, 14 requests have been received via the website. It is interesting to note how they heard about us.

- Escapees 4
- Escapee Magazine 3
- Relative 1
- Wait List Member 1

The form that guests complete online links with the reservation software purchased this summer. This procedure is one of many that is being implemented to help streamline the office responsibilities. Not only does it save telephone time, getting accurate contact information is an added bonus. Thanks to Jim Krueger for helping us maximize the potential of the reservation software.

## Travel Reminders!

A few things to do if you are leaving the park.

For your departure checklist...

1. Let the office know when you are leaving and when you plan to return...even if it's just for one night. This information is important in the event of an emergency.
2. For an extended absence, make sure all articles are stored away to avoid their being missiles in the event of severe weather.



## Christmas Mail

When you are sending Christmas cards via the mail box, please include site numbers on the envelopes.



*Knitting Group*

If anyone has an interest in joining a knitting group, please contact Jo Mellis

at [margaretjmellis@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretjmellis@yahoo.com). All levels of interest are welcome. A couple of hours on Thursdays at 1 pm would be a good starting point.

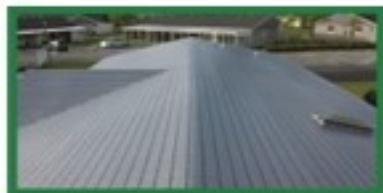


## Night Time Safety Reminders

*by Ray Heaton*

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

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