



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

February 2019

## The Value of Visitors

By Cathy Landry

Thirty years ago our founding members had a vision to build an SKP Co-Op. Since then, visitors have stood in awe of the beauty of our park: the esthetic design, the streets lined with palm trees and the green spaces all around. They continue to come and want to be a part of the dream. Side by side, visitors have worked with our members volunteering on projects, cooking in the kitchen, and sharing their talents.

They bring fresh new ideas, an unselfish work ethic and an essential vitality to our park.

Visitors have always been an integral part of our community.

**Never underestimate the value of our visitors. Please vote YES on Proposal 7 to ensure the future flow of visitors to our SKP Resort.**

If you are not able to be at the annual meeting, be sure to complete your proxy and mail it in. **To aid the Election Committee, ballots should arrive in the office by Friday, February 15.**

## 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



As per our by-laws, the CO-OP Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 18, at 9 am in the Clubhouse. The annual meeting packet has been given or mailed to all members.

This year's agenda includes announcement of the 2019 Board members, Treasurer's Report, and consideration of proposed changes to CO-OP documents.

### Proxy Voting

Your vote in person or by proxy is important. It is the responsibility of members who are unable to attend, to complete the proxy in their packet, sign it, and put it in the accompanying envelope addressed to our secretary. **Proxies should arrive in the office by Friday, February 15, in order to facilitate the counting.**



### Invoice Procedure Change

Unless otherwise notified, the office will be sending out electric and maintenance fee invoices via e-mail. If you need to receive a hard copy, please notify Heather in the office.

Transaction reports of members' charges and payments are now being sent quarterly. If you wish to receive a receipt for a payment sooner, please notify Heather in the office.

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## Town Hall Meeting

On Thursday, February 14, at 9:00 am, members will have the opportunity to ask questions about the 7 proposals included in the annual meeting packets that will be voted on at the annual meeting.

The three candidates running for the three Board vacancies will also be introduced. They include Frank King running for a second term as well as Pat Dubuc and Bud Hodgkins running for the other two vacancies.

## Thank You!

We extend our gratitude to Cheryl Lamoreaux and Norm Milliard who will be rotating off the Board of Directors. Elected in 2017, Cheryl served as assistant treasurer and treasurer during her tenure and Norm Milliard has played a vital role in advancing the vision for securing the future viability of the park, has spearheaded the wi-fi upgrade and reinstatement of the reservation system.

## February Special Events



is having a party...

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!**

all members & renter guests are invited.

**Saturday, February 2 at 5 pm**

Dinner is provided but ticket required.

Bring Place Setting

**VALENTINE'S Day**

**Dance**

**Thursday the 14th**

**6 pm**  
BYOB and Appetizer to Share

**6:30 pm**  
Live Music with Don & Allen

### Living with Snakes

presented by Lee Belanger H-28

**Wednesday, February 6 2:30 pm**

Learn to

- identify common snakes in our area.
- Tell the difference between venomous and non-venomous snake skins.
- Which snakes live in water, climb trees, and eat their venomous counterparts.



**No live snakes will be at the presentation.**

### How to Build a Smokeless Fire

**Saturday, February 23 7 pm**



Campfire ring on green space along Palm Lane.

Bring your chairs, favorite beverage and a snack if you wish.

Does smoke seem to follow you no matter where you sit around a campfire?

Do you avoid campfires because they are often smoky?

Find out the three things necessary for fire to burn and why most fires smoke.

Then watch a smokeless fire being built and lit.

Stay to enjoy the warmth without smoke as you visit with your neighbors.

Oven Mitts  
Dog Collars  
Wine Glass Coasters  
Market Bags  
Dish & Wash Cloths  
Potluck Dish Bags  
and more!

**Makers and Bakers**

**Craft Fair**

**Saturday, February 9**  
**8 am - 12 pm**

**Come to Buy or Come to Sell**

Bakers are invited to join the crafters this year to sell their specialty for their own profit.

**Sign Up in the Clubhouse**

Handcrafted items only, please.



## February Monthly Events



Rumor has it that the food is very good at Cowpoke's Watering Hole, so the SKPettes are going for lunch; and we'll offer a review.

Members and guests are invited to this monthly lunch.

**Wednesday, February 20**  
**Meet at 1:30 pm at**



**6813 US 27 South**  
1/2 mile north of SR 66  
on the west side of highway.

If your actual birthday is February 20, bring your ID and get \$15 off your entrée!

### Sign Up in Clubhouse

Note if you need a ride.  
We'll meet at 12:30 at the clubhouse for carpooling.



**Friday, February 15**  
**1 pm**

**Orphan Train**  
by Christina Baker Kline

This historical novel covers a little-known chapter in American history: the orphan trains that transported orphaned children from New York City to the Midwest between 1854 and 1929.

The children were chosen at train stations along the way, and adopted by families. Some were fortunate to get a loving new family, but others were essentially indentured servants.

The novel alternates between 1929 and modern day. In modern day, one of the main characters is a 91 year old woman remembering her experiences as one of the orphan train children. The other main character is a 17 year old girl coming out of the foster care system in modern times, who discovers unexpected similarities between her life and the life of her elderly employer.

Copies are available at the Wauchula library or on electronic devices. Lee Belanger will be facilitating this month's discussion.



**Election of Officers**  
**Monday, February 4 - 9:15 am**

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

**Wednesday, February 13**  
**Meet at 3:00 pm at**



**521 U.S. 27 N. Sebring**

**There's a full menu available.**  
**Wednesday is BOGO Fajitas.**

**Everyone is invited.**  
**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

## Weekly Activities

**Monday Breakfast**  
**7:50 am**

**Ala Carte Menu**



**Weekly Announcements 9:00 am**

**Line Dancing**



**Mondays ~ 10:30 am**

**\$2 / week**

Instructor: Pam from Cystal Lake

**Movie Night**  
**Tuesdays ~ 7 pm**

**50¢ for movie & popcorn**



**BYOB**  
**Bring Your Own Bowl**

## Weekly Activities

### February Crafts

Friday at 9 am

February 1

**Puzzled Heart \$3.00**

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

February 8

**RicRac Daisy Pins \$3.00**

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

February 15

**Paint Chip Mosaics \$2.00**

(Mailable post card or frameable art)

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

February 22

**Whirligigs \$10.00**

(\$5 for use of pattern & tools and \$5 to Care)

Instructor: Bob Iles G-09

**Hospital Favors**

Variety of Crafts Available

Instructor: Marsha Hodgkins H-10

### Pickleball



Palm Lane here at park

Wednesday & Saturday

9:00 am



Wednesday ~ 7 pm

**\$3.00**



For More Info: Jo Mellis A-20

Thursday ~ 1 pm

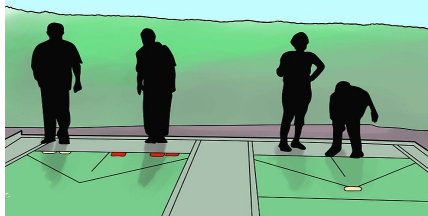
Clubhouse

Work on your knitting, crocheting, or any other handiwork project while visiting with fellow stitchers.

### Shuffleboard

Mon - Sat @ 1 pm

For More Info  
Kenny Breault A-31



### January

Monday Programs 9:15 am

February 4

Fun 'n Sun Meeting  
Election of Officers

February 11

SkyMed

February 18

Annual Meeting

February 25

Wauchula State Bank



Thursday  
10:00 am

\$9 for 3 Games  
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun

943 S 6th Ave  
Downtown Wauchula

All Welcome!

### Meet & Greet



Mon—Wed—Fri ~ 4 pm  
Clubhouse

### Wine B4 Dine

Thursday ~ 4:00 pm

Poolside Patio

Bring your beverage of choice  
and a snack to share.



### Afternoon Coffee

Tuesday at 3:00 pm

February 12

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

Hosted by

Norm & Ginny Milliard



Tuesday  
1 pm

Join Us for Golf!  
Sunday, 10:30 am

**The Bluffs**

Rt. 17, Zolfo Springs



**\$20 Green Fees for 9 Holes**

Ladies, Men, Members & Visitors  
All Welcome!

**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

Contact: Nelson or Ann Castle H-19

## On the Home Front

### Support Staff Update



In early January, we welcomed the newest member of our support staff. Heather Scheel is the smiling face you see at the office window.

Heather and her husband, Wade, live in Wauchula. Married in 1996, they were a career military family who served on bases in California, Delaware, and South Carolina.

They are the parents of Jared and Lexie. Jared, 20, will be getting his associate degree this summer from South Florida State College and Lexie is the class chaplain and graduates from Hardee County High School in May. College will be her destination this fall.

Heather, who is also attending South Florida State College, plans to complete her associate degree in accounting later this year.

She shares her love of fishing and hunting with her husband. They both got 8 pt. bucks last fall.

Heather is also an accomplished baker, contributing two beautiful cakes to the Cracker Capers Food Auction, and enjoys quilting, crocheting, and ceramic painting.

Heather says she was attracted to the job here at the park because she felt it was a perfect fit giving her the opportunity to use all her previous work experience working as a temp while moving around with the military and her most recent job working at the Wauchula Post Office. She has even delivered mail here a couple of times!

#### Bookkeeping Transition

The transition to an outside accounting/bookkeeping firm to handle the day-to-day bookkeeping responsibilities of the park, begun in early December, continues to progress well.

The final selection was the locally owned and operated Storts Taxes and Bookkeeping located in downtown Wauchula. Having served small businesses in the area for the past 10 years, Storts provides the experience of a capable and well-trained staff to meet our needs.

Jim Krueger continues to work to establish a number of processes that streamlines our bookkeeping as well as cleaning up our records to withstand detailed audits and filing our state and federal taxes in a timely manner.

A thorough vetting of potential accountant/bookkeeper services took place which involved many hours of interviewing and evaluation. The board extends its gratitude to the Office Committee which included Lanette Breault, Pat Dubuc, Marsha Hodgkins, and Jane Lewis for their considerable efforts in filling these two positions.

**Informal**  
  
**Viewing Party**  
 Sunday, February 3  
 Kick-off 6:30 pm  
 BYOB & Snack to Share



### Birthday Wishes

#### FEBRUARY

2/1 .....	Bob Clark
2/3 .....	Ann Ed
2/5 .....	Rick DeCerio
2/9 .....	Julie King
2/14 .....	Val Young
2/20 .....	Jewell Gosselin
2/22 .....	Elsie Pettinato
2/23 .....	Janet Gibson
2/26 .....	Beverly Miller
2/26 .....	Ed Landry
2/28 .....	Nancy Pearce



2/6 .....	Donald & Jean Masella
2/7 .....	Richard & Helen Frenz
2/12 .....	James & Brenda Caldwell
2/27 .....	Bob & Judy Hoffman

### Arrivals / Moves / Departures

#### *Moved to a Different Site*

G-26 Dale & Jackie  
Schmidtendorff to A-20

#### *New Members*

G-26 Cowham/Walker,  
Harvey & Marilyn

## 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**



## On the Home Front



As we celebrate our park's 30th birthday this month, we are reminded that the vision for this park is a result of our founding members who **VOLUNTEERED** their time, treasure, and talent to build and maintain it.

Over the years, that legacy of volunteerism continued to develop and maintain a beautiful bit of paradise that is still being discovered and enjoyed by so many people.

Volunteerism is at the very heart of how our park continues to be a thriving community.

Opportunities to volunteer can be intentional and planned by a group, can be by happenstance, or by individuals who see a need and act.

Innumerable hours of meetings and research have been put in by our board and a variety of committees to prepare for the annual meeting.

A dryer in the laundry room was broken for several months while we waited for an appliance repair man. Ted Wallin saw a problem and went to work fixing it. We now have our full complement of dryers in working order.

Six days of Cracker Caper events requires a herculean effort of many people to pull off and this year was no exception.

To all of you, members and guests alike, who help make our park attractive, fun, interesting, engaging, and working efficiently, **THANK YOU!**

### 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!

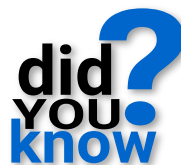
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### Introducing a New Monthly Feature

Although a copy of the Co-op by-laws and standing rules is available on our website or a hard copy is available from the office, a tip of the hat goes to anyone who has actually read them in their entirety or remember what they are.

As time passes, some of us have become memory-challenged, and perhaps you feel that way, too.

To help us all be good citizens of our community, a by-law or standing rule will be highlighted each month as a reminder of not only our rights but our responsibilities to be members in good standing.



Our by-laws read:  
*"A Member shall share knowledge, labor and time towards the betterment of the FLORIDA SKP CO-OP and shall serve on committees and Board of Directors as needed."*

Be thinking how you can contribute, and remember to note your preferred activity by filling in the committee form in your annual meeting packet and returning it at the annual meeting on February 18.

"Alone we can do so little;  
 together we can do so much."  
 Helen Keller



A reminder to all committee chairs that annual reports are to be presented at the Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 14.

### Seeking Interviewers

Whether it is longtime members or winter visitors, wouldn't it be interesting to hear peoples' story?

We have a need for someone or several someones who would be interested in conducting interviews and providing the information or writing a short special interest article for *Cracker Crumbs*.

Please contact Margery Zeller, [margery.zeller1@gmail.com](mailto:margery.zeller1@gmail.com) if you are willing to volunteer.



### Hardee Help Center Food Collection

Kathleen and Ray Heaton report that 177.2 lbs of food have been donated by residents between Sep 11 and Jan 22 to our local food.

Please continue to contribute to this important community need. Non-perishable items always welcomed. There is a current need for misc. lotions, soaps and wash cloths.

Donations should be placed in the basket to the left of the main door in the clubhouse.

### iPhone Chat and Learn Group

Come to the clubhouse on Wednesday, February 6, at 9 am to learn some iPhone basics and share your knowledge with others.



Possible topics: How to use the calendar, How to sign in using your fingerprint, How to block an unwanted caller, How to find and use your flashlight. Other topics and "how to's" welcome but nothing about Facebook usage.

Questions? Contact Lee Belanger, H-28,

# Looking Back

## Cracker Capers...It's a Wrap!



This annual event of frivolity and good times continues to be an opportunity for members and visitors to enjoy the camaraderie of working and playing together while raising money for Fun 'n Sun activities and projects.

From meatball making to clean up for the spaghetti dinner, from teaming up for the outdoor games to contributing goods and services to the auction, from holding our 100+ family yard sale to Big Bingo, Cracker Capers makes for a memorable week. Here's a look back in pictures.

Making meatballs to serve 130+ people means putting together a Meatball Brigade so that many hands make light work.



Visitors sporting big smiles were happy to pitch in to clean up. Capt'n Kenny always has a smile.



Game Day champs included Kenny Breault & Tom Cable in cornhole.



Gerry Allen & Sue DeCiero in shuffleboard.



Craig Lewis and Bob Schumann in pickleball.



Live music by Bobby Remp is always a fun time although word has it that Janet Gibson might put in a proposal to Fun 'n Sun for a few oxygen tanks for the seniors among us to use at the dances!



## Looking Back

Judy Hoffman and Van A. White, aka Ken Bollin, worked the crowd to auction off a scrumptious variety of food items as well as service coupons. This year's auction raised over \$1,300 for Fun 'n Sun.



It was an intense week of preparing and setting up for the yard sale, but Chairman Jan Pratt still had a smile on her face during the clean up. This year's yard sale raised over \$2,600 for Fun 'n Sun.

The final tally of the fundraising efforts during Cracker Capers is over \$5,200.

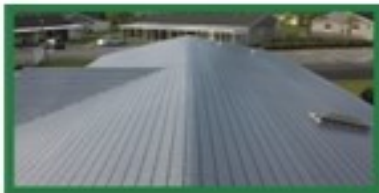
**J**anet Gibson is the Unsung Hero of Cracker Capers. She was responsible for all things financial...from hauling the cash for change back and forth from the bank (in a suitcase no less) to reconciling the financials for *each* event and concession down to the penny. It's a lot of work and responsibility done behind the scenes. Thank you, Janet!



**Monday, March 18**

St. Patrick's Day  
Corned Beef 'n Cabbage Dinner  
Live Entertainment  
with Bobby Remp

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