



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

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Signing Up for Activities

For this first month of the season, we're trying something new for sign-ups in an effort to keep traffic to the clubhouse at a minimum.

There are three ways you can sign up for events and activities.

1. Click on the links provided in the email that accompanies this issue of *Cracker Crumbs*.
2. Click on the links found on the Resort's private Facebook group page.
3. Sign up in the clubhouse.

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If you are not a member of the Resort's private Facebook group, anyone who is already a member can invite you to join or you can contact margery.zeller1@gmail.com for an invitation.

Office Hours

Monday—Saturday 9 am—4 pm
Closed for Lunch Noon—1 pm
Sunday..... 9 am—Noon

Message About Board Meetings

June Post, Board Secretary

Due to Covid-19 and the concern for the health and safety of participants, Board meetings for the 2020-21 season at the Florida SKP Resort will be held online/ virtually.

Meeting notices, as usual, will be posted in advance on the bulletin boards at the clubhouse. Additionally, members will be notified of meetings at the email address they have on file with the park office. This email will include instructions and the invitation needed to make the connection to the meeting online.

It is each member's responsibility to be sure that the office has their current email address. If you have no email, we suggest you get a free Gmail account at Google.com so that you will not miss any important information about Board business, Fun 'n Sun happenings and committee meetings. After you obtain this email address, you must inform the office. If you don't want to get an email address, we suggest you find a friend to keep you informed

Any member who does not want these personal notifications or decides not to get an email address must inform the office with a signed and dated notice prior to the first board meeting on November 10, 2020.



Living Within the Guidelines for the Resort's COVID Policy

This season everything is being planned to enable us to safely enjoy the hallmark of the Escapees...fun and camaraderie...while being aware of the current safety recommendations

Indoor and outdoor activities where social distancing is possible are being planned. Mask wearing and frequent handwashing are recommended. Hand sanitizers have been installed around the clubhouse:

1. To left of **front office window**.
2. Inside the **library** on your left.
3. Outside the **kitchen** door to the right and **IN** the kitchen.
4. Going into the **laundry** from the clubhouse
5. Entering the **pool hallway** from the clubhouse.

The precautions that individuals take will be varied based on the information they have assimilated and their personal experiences.

What is universal is that each of us must assume responsibility for ourselves and our actions. Ultimately, the activities in which you choose to participate are a personal decision.

Caring and sharing is really a two-way street that involves our respecting each other and the choices we make.

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



Meeting
November Meeting Cancelled

Members: Sign Out When Borrowing Equipment

Please be responsible and remember to SIGN OUT and SIGN IN any equipment you borrow from the maintenance area or kitchen.

SIGN OUT

SIGN IN

This simple step will save a lot of effort for our park attendants and members who may need a piece of equipment.

Take a minute and make life easier for everyone

Tree Trimming Time

by Paul Zeller



The yearly trimming of palm trees in the Resort is about to begin. This year, we will be doing things differently.

Last fall the Finance Committee put money into the budget to cover the cost of having an outside company trim our street trees. Now, with the arrival of COVID, having this money available is a fortunate coincidence because new arrivals are being asked to quarantine for 14 days and some others may be uncomfortable working in close proximity.

I will be overseeing the trimming. The company will be cleaning up and removing all the large cuttings. However, we will still need a small crew of volunteers to follow behind with rakes and brooms to clean up the small debris. Watch the Resort Facebook page and the clubhouse bulletin boards for dates.

Once the trimming starts, if you see the workers coming down your street, please move any vehicles, flowerpots, decorations, etc. that may be located anywhere near where debris could fall or where workers may need access

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during the trimming operation. The workers are pros and will be moving at a much faster pace than our volunteers normally do, so please move things out of their way ASAP.

Privately Owned Trees

Street trees will be trimmed at no expense to the members on whose lots they are located, but members are reminded they are responsible for maintaining any other trees located on their lots.

Trimming or removal of privately-owned trees will be done after the street trees are completed. The cost of trimming is \$25 per tree (or per clump of pygmy date palms). Tree removal is also available at a cost of \$60 per tree (most trees) plus the actual cost of dumping fees to dispose of the trunk, usually around \$30 depending on weight. To initiate a request to have work done on your lot, complete the form on page 7 or **pick up a form at the sign-up table in the Clubhouse.**

After completing the form, **place it in the office slot in the Mail Room** addressed to the Landscape Committee c/o Paul Zeller.

Once the work has been completed, the final cost will be applied to your electric bill for payment.

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Calendar Scheduling



Cathy Landry is the point person for scheduling or changing activities or events for the calendar.

Text or call her at 508-269-3359 or email her at eclandry1@gmail.com. The deadline for the next month's calendar is the 20th of the month.

In addition to the calendar, the information you provide will be included in the *Cracker Crumbs*, on the bulletin boards, weekly announcements, sign-ups, and information slides.

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YOU.
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If you are 60 years or older OR have a disability, for a token amount, you can receive door-to-door transportation across the state of FL. Not based on income, a valid ID is required. For an application call MV Transportation at [800-694-6566](tel:800-694-6566).

What's Going On This Month?



Sunday, November 15

\$2



Hot Fudge Sundaes

Kitchen Patio

BYO Chairs

Sunday, November 29



\$2.50

Banana Splits

Sign up on Resort's Facebook page or in the clubhouse.



**Green Space
Across from Mailroom**

Thursday, November 19

6:30 pm

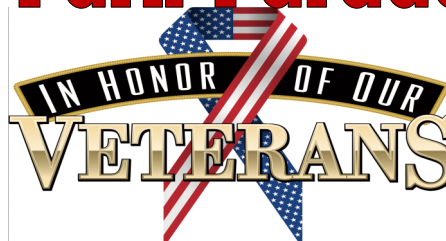
BYO Chair

S'mores provided by Fun 'n Sun

Sign up on Resort's Facebook page or in the clubhouse.

Wednesday, November 11

Park Parade



1 pm

**Parade Ends at Overflow Area
with Short Program and Refreshments
BYO Chairs**

**RSVP on the Resort's Facebook Page or
Sign Up in Clubhouse**

A Word to Our Veterans

All veterans are invited to be a part of this parade by riding on a golf cart as we honor you and your service to our country. We hope you will participate.

RSVP by responding to an email that will be going out to all members or by going to the Resort's FB page if you would like to be in the parade.

We need residents with golf carts to provide transportation for our veterans. Let us know on the RSVP form. Golf cart drivers and veterans are asked to wear masks.

**RSVP Deadline for Veteran Participation:
Saturday, November 7**



**Wednesday, November 18
Time and Location TBA**

*We thank Audry Wyatt for taking the leadership of SKPettes as our new organizer.
Thanks, also, to June Post who followed in Margie Bird and Elinor Gooding's foot steps as organizers.*

Thanksgiving Dinner

We regret this year's dinner is only open to member and visitor residents.

Thanksgiving Menu

Roast Turkey & Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Sweet Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Pumpkin Roll
Iced Tea

\$5.00 pp



Bring Your Own Place Setting

There will be two seatings restricted to
50 people each ~ 2 pm & 5 pm

Pick Up Carry Out Meals
at Kitchen Back Door ~ 3 pm

Register for tickets on Resort's Facebook page

or by contacting Cathy Landry at eclandry1@gmail.com.

RSVP Deadline: Friday, November 20

Seating Information

Diners will be seated with social distancing.

However, small groups of people who are comfortable and desire to sit together will be accommodated.

Designate one person in your group as host. They will be responsible for:

- ♦ registering your entire group at the same time
- ♦ receiving tickets when they are delivered to your site
- ♦ paying for all the tickets at time of delivery.



Water Aerobics
Mon - Sat 11 am

Shuffleboard



Mon - Sat ~ 1 pm

CARDS



GAMES



Mon - Sat

7 pm

Pickleball



Palm Lane
Wed & Sat
8:30 am

Begins Wednesday, November 4



Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm

Kitchen Patio

Bring Your Own Chair

Twice a Week



Thursday
10:00 am

\$9 for 3 Games
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun

943 S 6th Ave
Downtown Wauchula

All Welcome!

Wine B4 Dine



Thursdays
4 pm

Pool Patio

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

Resort Business

Please Consider Running for the Board

At the February 2021 annual meeting, we will be electing 5 new board members to complete the full complement of the required 7 members. Candidates are needed to fill the vacancies created by those rotating off the board and more if we are to have choices for an election.

Our community thrives on participation, and a board of directors is essential to the successful and efficient operation of the Resort. Please give serious consideration to serving.



**Virtual
Board Meeting**
Tuesday, November 10
9:00 am

Watch for Details

Conducting Business

Propane

The sign up for delivery of propane by Coker is on the bulletin board to the right of the office window. Delivery is every other Tuesday and only made to motor homes.

Notary Services

Heather in the office is a licensed notary public and is able to provide those services.

Fax Service

Fax service in the office may take up to 24 hours. Other fax service options, if you need more immediate service, are also posted.

Mail Service for Members

Mail should be picked up in the mail room. A notice will be in your box if you have a package to be picked up in the office. Asking the office for your mail because you forgot your key can no longer be accommodated.

Introducing This Year's Park Attendants

By June Post

Tom & Mary Ann Corcoran



Stop by G-16 and welcome our newest park attendants. Tom and Mary Ann have been full-time RVing for 4½ years. The couple left Windsor in western MA in the Berkshire Mtns.

They grew up in Connecticut, were high school sweethearts and have been married for 37 years. They have one daughter, Chelsea, who gave them the impetus for the couple's small hobby farm where they raised sheep.

Tom and Mary Ann volunteered extensively in their small town including Tom as a first responder with the fire department and running fundraising efforts. Mary Ann was on the historical commission, cultural council and parks department. Together they ran the annual BBQ and other dinners for a few years.

Tom worked 27 years as a stripper in a print shop. That job involved arranging and joining film negatives as part of the process of preparing printing plates...and he cooks!

Mary Ann has been a land surveyor for 35 years. She still works remotely, dealing a lot with permitting, land issues, boundary lines, and drawing up site plans.

While on the road they have worked at a private farm, a pumpkin patch in CA, Cross Creek Park in FL, cooked at a motorcycle lodge in the Smokies and volunteered for the VA Div. of Forestry.

Tom's hobbies include motorcycle riding, reading, fishing, kayaking, and hiking. Mary Ann likes to sew, do crafts and join Tom for kayaking and hiking. We can thank Mary Ann for mapping the Resort's measured mile.

Tom's Birthday..... 10/12
Mary Ann's Birthday..... 12/9

Kevin & Julie Polter



Summer residents quickly learned of the Polters' work ethic when Kevin was hired as this year's summer park attendant. In addition, Julie volunteered

many hours raking lots and painting the shed on site G-20 where they now reside.

Although they were born and raised in Fremont, OH, and attended the same high school, they didn't become acquainted until they met on a blind date arranged by Kevin's sister. Married in 1980, they celebrated 40 years of marriage on June 28th.

Kevin and Julie began full-time RVing four years ago after retiring from their jobs. Kevin worked for the Ohio Turnpike Commission for 36 years and moonlighted plowing that infamous snow that Lake Erie can dump on northern OH. Julie provided day care and was employed as a teacher's aide for eight years.

Julie still likes to read, dance, bike, listen to music, work jigsaw puzzles and visit the beach and pool. Kevin, too, loves the outdoors hiking, biking, kayaking, and canoeing. He is a Civil War enthusiast and has a weakness for antique tractors.

While preparing to go full-time, Julie read a Mark Twain quote that she adopted for the cover of their travel book, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed in the things you didn't do than the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Kevin's Birthday..... 12/14
Julie's Birthday..... 11/29

Ice Cream Treats Available



Once again the refrigerator freezer in the kitchen will be stocked with ice cream novelties during the season.

Cost this year is \$1.00 each. Pop and water will remain 50 cents.

Gardening Anyone?

by Susan Wszalek

Herbs are the friend of the physician and the pride of cooks. Charlemagne

Imagine following a recipe and getting to the part that says "3 fresh basil leaves or 1 sprig of rosemary." Darn, you have to go to the store only to realize you have to buy a larger amount that you may never use. What we have in mind is 1 or 2 small raised herb gardens, planted and tended by our members and guests and available for everyone's use.

We're thinking of the most common herbs like parsley, basil, chives, rosemary, thyme and oregano but can also include special herbs that you may use in your favorite recipes.

If you're interested in collaborating on this project, contact Norm Milliard, Sr., F-02, at nmilliard@gmail.com



Janet Gibson's COVID Compliant Broom Parking Sign

Family News



11/03	Marsha Hodgkins
11/04	Jo Mellis
11/06	Bud Hodgkins
11/09	Lydia LeMaistre
11/12	Doris Chase
11/14	Alex Rutchka
11/14	Doris LeBlanc
11/17	Nelson Castle
11/25	Susan Hohman
11/25	Rita Blakely
11/25	James Gooding
11/27	Britt Holstun
11/29	Julie Polter



Happy Anniversary

11/08	Dick & Judi Ward
11/25	Craig & Linda Sandel
11/29	Stanley & Barbara Bobek



It is with sadness that we learned that Ken Griffey, F-01, passed away on Saturday, September 26, in Alabama.



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!

NEW MEMBER



Jay & Diane Merritt—G-2

by June Post

Jay and Diane Merritt obtained their lot last January and arrived at the Resort in June.

The couple has been RVing for the past 4 years but they've also been busy fixing up their houses – one in AZ that they inherited and one in NC – both of which have been sold in the past 9 months. Now, the couple is traveling with their bicycles, scooters and kayaks.

Jay and Diane have volunteered extensively as disaster relief workers. in Costa Rica, Mexico, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and Haiti as well as in several locations in the US.

Jay was raised near Indianapolis. Although Diane was born in Ohio, she also grew up in Indiana. Jay, a self-proclaimed girl watcher in his youth, first noticed Diane at the mall. They dated from time-to-time until they married on August 18, 1984. The couple has three sons – Nathaniel in WA, Niles in the Coast Guard, and Nicholas in SC — and 5 grandchildren. More reason to travel!

Diane was a flight attendant in her early career and after having children worked in a pre-school where their children were welcome to come along. Diane's hobbies include gardening and crafts.

Jay worked with computers in the banking industry until 2006 when he left the corporate world to volunteer full-time in mission ministry. Computers, electrical and woodcraft are leisure activities he enjoys.

Jay's Birthday 4/19
Diane's Birthday 10/4

Looking Ahead

Dates and Times TBA



Blood Drive

Monday, December 7

10 am - 2 pm

Watch for Sign Up

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Winn-Dixie

Friday, December 11

9 am - 5 pm ~ 2-hr. Shifts



Masks Required

Sign Up in the Clubhouse



Begins

Wednesday, December 2

More Details to Come

Christmas for Kids



Accepting cash and Walmart gift cards
to donate to

Hardee County's
Shop a Cop and Explorers



TREE TRIM / REMOVAL REQUEST

PLACE YOUR REQUEST IN **OFFICE SLOT IN MAIL ROOM**
ADDRESSED TO LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE C/O PAUL ZELLER.



While the crews are trimming the street palms over the next couple of months, trees on member's lots can be trimmed for \$25 / tree or removed for \$60 / large tree (less for smaller trees or shrubs). Removed trees also incur an additional fee for dumping, about \$30 depending on the weight.

Name _____ Site # _____

Telephone # _____

☐ I have _____ tree(s) to be trimmed @ \$25 / tree _____ trees x \$25 / ea \$ _____

Location(s) on the lot: _____

☐ I have _____ trees(s) / shrub(s) to be removed at no more than \$60 / each plus appropriate dumping fees _____ trees removed

Location(s) on the lot: _____

Once the work is completed, your cost will be added to your electric bill.

Completion confirmed by _____ Date _____

Treasurer _____

For Office Use Only

_____ trees x \$25 / ea \$ _____

_____ trees removed

x \$60 / ea \$ _____

Dumping Charge \$ _____

Total Charge \$ _____

Yard Sale Donations

See Jan Pratt H-9
or call 937-418-9835

to make arrangements to
drop off donations at the shed.

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

Who Are We?

1. We are members of the SKP Resort.
2. We were married in June of 1963.
3. We met in 1941.
4. Our mothers played bridge together...that's how we met.
5. When our mothers were playing bridge, we waved to each other under the table.

Who Are We?

Don't come to us to ask any questions. Just give your answers to Margery Zeller. The answer will be published in the December issue of *Cracker Crumbs*. Good luck!

Who Are We?

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



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