



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

March 2021

Board Election **Results**

The election of the 2021-22 Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 22 and available for viewing virtually via Google Meet.

This year we had a 94% participation in the election by our members.

The results of the election were as follows:

Pat Dubuc (withdrawn) 17 votes
Skip LaPlante 69 votes
Jane Lewis 88 votes
Steve Little 79 votes
Diane Luppens 28 votes
Dave Mayo 92 votes
Norm Milliard 57 votes
Bill Oates 33 votes
Skip Pratt 63 votes
Ken Tarkin 40 votes

Those elected to serve 2-year terms were Jane Lewis, Steve Little, and David Mayo.

Skip LaPlante and Skip Pratt will serve 1-year terms.

At the executive board meeting, the following officers were determined.

The membership thanks all those who chose to run for the board this year.

President Ed Landry, A-35
Vice-President Steve Little, G-27
Secretary June Post, H-21
Treasurer Dave Mayo, A-18
Ass't Treasurer Jane Lewis, A-13
At Large Skip LaPlante, S-06
At Large Skip Pratt, G-07

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Congratulations to our new board members.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who served and have rotated off the board.



Frank King for 4 years (2 as president)

Pat Dubuc for 2 years as treasurer

Bud Hodgkins for 2 years as a member-at-large

Re-elected to a 2-year term, we thank **Stevan Little** for serving as a member-at-large as an appointee to fill a vacancy this past year

Diane Luppens also for serving this past year as assistant treasurer as an appointee to fill a vacancy.

Kudos and much appreciation to the Search/Election Committee for their ingenuity in organizing, communicating, and conducting an orderly, efficient, and secure voting process in this unprecedented time.

Updated COVID-19 Policy Effective February 26, 2021

by Board of Directors

As we understand more and more about COVID-19, it is clear that we need to live our lives as responsibly as possible and yet not be reactionary to unreasonable restrictions to our lives in the park.

We have found that we live in somewhat of a bubble here with not a lot of new exposure to outside people. It is important that we provide guidelines for safety, but ultimately, we all need to assume responsibility for ourselves and our actions.

The updated policy also details the requirements if you or a member of your household are diagnosed with COVID. The updated policy is for

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March

Month of Giving

for Hardee Cty Help Center

Collecting

Non-Perishable Items

at Every Fun 'n Sun Event

Fun 'n Sun is dedicating March as "Month of Giving."

Bring your non-perishable food items, toiletries, paper products, cleaning products, etc. to all events during March to support our local Hardee County Help Center.

The March Month of Giving logo will be on slides and sign-up sheets as a reminder to fill the basket that will be at each special event.

Kathy and Ray Heaton report that residents have donated 650 lbs. of food and health products to the Hardee Help Center.

One of our members has given large jars of peanut butter and grape jelly every two weeks. Thank you so much!

Thanks to all who contribute to the food pantry. This year has been a very hard year.

Let's finish the season strong with March Month of Giving as we fill the basket at every Fun 'n Sun event this month.

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the person
you want
to have
in your life

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Virtual Board Meeting via Google Meet Tuesday, March 9 10 am Code Emailed When Available

News from Fun 'n Sun

A Fun 'n Sun meeting was held on February 21 for the purpose of electing 2021-22 officers and voting on six proposals. Those elected were:

Cathy Landry President
Rose Irons Vice-President
Susan Wszalek Secretary
Ginny Milliard Treasurer
Lanette Breault Member-at-Large
Jean Anne Hunt Member-at-Large
Dolores Mayo Member-at-Large
Anita Saba Member-at-Large



L-R Back Row: Ginny Milliard, Anita Saba
Front Row: Jean Anne Hunt, Cathy Landry,
Lanette Breault Missing: Rose Irons, Dolores Mayo, Susan Wszalek.

The six proposals approved were:
FI SKP Resort.....\$1,000
Escapee Care.....\$500
Shuffleboard.....\$700
Bingo.....\$200
Front Hedges for North Side.....\$600
Promotional Pens.....\$400

Yard Sale Donations

See Jan Pratt G-7
or call 937-418-9835
to make arrangements to
drop off donations at the shed.

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Updated COVID-19 Policy (Cont'd)

members and visitors alike and is posted in its entirety on the website, www.fl-skp-resort.org, and in the clubhouse.

Now, with many in the park having received the COVID vaccination, Fun 'n Sun has scheduled a few indoor activities for March.

The CDC updated guidelines say that vaccinated people should continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and avoid spending time in poorly ventilated spaces.

This month's Indoor activities will make allowance for social distancing; masks are encouraged but optional.

The St. Patrick's Day dance will, of course, make that difficult. However, as with any of our activities, everyone needs to make the best decision for themselves as to what activities to attend that provide the protection they desire.

Bottom line – we are not out of the woods yet with this COVID problem, but we in the park are fortunate to have our bubble; and we will strive to maintain the safety of this environment.

Please use common sense and take precautions to keep yourselves and your neighbors safe.

That members are entitled to attend any of the park's committee meetings at any time.

A reminder to liaisons/ committee chairs to post meeting announcements on clubhouse bulletin board outside the front door and in pool hallway and include Google Meet code if applicable.



What's Going On This Month?

**Monday Breakfasts
Begin March 1**
In the Clubhouse
7:50 am



Served
restaurant style.

Orders and
payment will be
taken at your table.

You will be called
when your order
is ready.

**Weekly Activity
Announcements at 9 am**



St. Patrick's Craft Class

March 4 or 6

**Thursday or Saturday
10 am - Noon**

Bring an item(s) for decorating
Clothing, wood, etc. No glassware.
All other supplies will be provided.
\$1 per item decorated.
Do as many as time allows.

Masks & Social Distancing

Class Limit: 8
Sign Up in the Clubhouse

St. Patrick's Day Dance



Wednesday, March 17
7 - 9 pm
Clubhouse

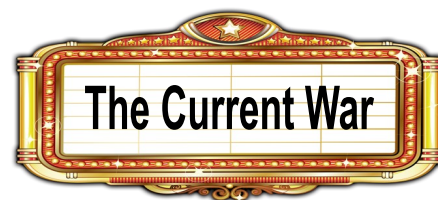
Deejays: Lynn & Becky Lunde

BYO Beverage

To each his own snacks.

Sign up in Clubhouse

Movie & Popcorn Friday, March 19



**2 pm Matinee
&
7 pm Evening**

Popcorn 50¢
BYO Bowl

Sign Up in Clubhouse
for Seating of Choice

PuZZLe me this

Monday, March 1 - Friday, March 5

You have 5 days to find the 10+ clues
for bragging rights and a prize drawing.

The first clue can be picked up
beginning Monday, March 1.

Place your answers in the mailroom office
slot by 4 pm on Friday, March 5

Winners will be announced at the ice
cream social on Sunday, March 7.



**Thursday, March 11
7 pm
Clubhouse**

Bring a Wrapped Gift
Used or New (\$5-10)

Sign up in Clubhouse

Ice Cream Socials 2 pm

Sunday, March 7

\$2.50



Strawberry Sundaes

Kitchen Patio ~ BYO Chairs
Sign up in Clubhouse

Sunday, March 21

\$2.50



Praline Sundaes



**Ceremony & Campfire
Thursday, March 25 ~ 6:30 pm**

Fire ring in green space
across from the clubhouse.

Bring any worn out flags you want to retire.
and a chair.



All Ladies Are Invited!

Wednesday, March 17
Meet at 1:00 pm at



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

Sign Up in Clubhouse

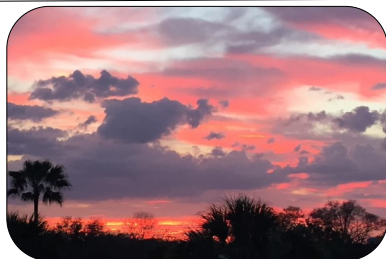


Photo: Tom Corcoran

Spring Cook Out

Wednesday, March 24 ~ Noon

Back by Popular Demand!

\$5 Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Coleslaw & Chips
Dessert & Ice Tea

Ticket Sales

March ? - ?

Fun 'n Sun Board Members

Kitchen Patio ~ BYO Chairs



**FLASH
YARD SALE #6
Craft Fair**

Saturday, March 20

1 - 3 pm

Crafters ~ Sign Up in Clubhouse

April Events

Easter Dinner

Sunday, April 4

Dinner Served at 5 pm

Pick Up Carry Out at Kitchen Back Door 4:45 pm

Menu

Ham
Cheesy Potatoes
Grilled Pineapple
Green Beans
Garlic Cheese Biscuits
Bread Pudding With Vanilla Sauce
Ice Tea
\$5 pp

Ticket Sales

March 22-April 1

Fun 'n Sun Board Members

Bring Your Own
Place Setting



Family News

March Birthdays

3/03 John Ray
3/06 Norman Milliard
3/07 Mary Walker
3/10 Vera Greene
3/11 Arlene Krueger
3/13 Richard Frenz
3/14 Ray Heaton
3/15 Helen Frenz
3/16 Elinor Gooding
3/16 Tony Pettinato
3/18 Cathy Landry
3/19 Rita Molitor
3/29 Dale Schmidtendorff



3/15 John & Noreta Ray

Arrivals / Farewells

New to Park

Stephen & Nancy Kingsley G-09

Farewell

Robert & Carol Ann Iles G-09

Roger & Lavonne Hogan H-35

With Sympathy



We extend our sincere sympathies to the families of three members who recently died.

Gerald Conrad passed away on January 13 in Summerdale, AL. Our condolences to Helen and family.

Harvey Cowham passed away on February 1 at home in Alto, Michigan. We extend our condolences to Shirley; Doug and Mary, who also have a membership here; and the entire Cowham Family.

Paula Jones passed away on February 18 in New York. We send our condolences to Jim and their entire family.



Please sign up in clubhouse if you are able to help clean up after the Easter dinner.

Kitchen Cleaning Volunteers Needed

Monday, April 15

9:00 am



**Escapes
Chapter 57
Spring Rally**

April 12-16, 2021

Cypress Campground
& RV Park
Winter Haven, FL

See Rose Irons on F-10
for more information.

Weekly Activities



M-W-F 7:00 am
Clubhouse

Line Dancing



Mon & Wed Fri
Instruction Practice
10 am

Shuffleboard



Mon - Sat ~ 1 pm



Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm
Monday~Weekly Announcements
Kitchen Patio
Bring Your Own Chair
Twice a Week

CARDS  **GAMES**

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri-Sat
7 pm



\$3.00

No Bingo 3/17



on Palm Lane

Wednesday & Saturday
9:00 am

Equipment & Instruction Provided
Players & spectators welcome!
Bring a chair.



Thursday
10:00 am

\$10 for 3 Games
(Includes Shoes)

Bowl of Fun
943 S 6th Ave
Downtown Wauchula

Wine B4 Dine



Thursdays
4 pm
Pool Patio

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

Fridays ~ 9 am

Informa
Woodcarvers Clubhouse
Gathering



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20th of each month

All articles are subject to editing...and all
mistakes are made with love!



Janet Gibson wishes to thank the members for the beautiful flowers given to her in appreciation for her nine years of service as treasurer of Fun 'n Sun. They were beautiful and enjoyed for many days.



The April issue of *Cracker Crumbs* will be my last as editor. It has been a labor of love since I started in the fall of 2017. Thank you for the freedom I have had to develop and grow it into what it is today.

My goals have always been to produce a reliable, informative, appealing, and engaging representation of the park to not only members but visitors and prospective members as well. It was also my intention to provide educational information when appropriate to help members make informed decisions based on fact when they were required to vote.

The time has come to pass the baton to a new editor moving forward. Thank you for your expressed appreciation and encouragement over the years. It has indeed been a pleasure.

Margery

February Around the Park



Photo: Paul Zeller



George Saba giving the pump station a much-needed cleaning. What a difference!



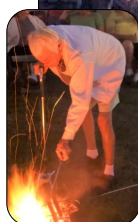
L back to front: Bev Miller, Julie Polter, Christine Drassal, Kitty Ewald, R back to front: June Post, Sandi Pauley, Audrey Wyatt, Judy Hoffman

Photo: Debbie Mowers

A big fire was needed so there was room for everyone to roast theirs.



Elinor Gooding roasting her hot dog to perfection.



Photos: Landrys

The campfires have been popular this season. There were about 40 people enjoying the hot dog roast at February's campfire.

L-R: Chefs Lee Mowers & Bill Ewald
Missing: Chef Deb Mowers



Photo: Jay Merritt

L-R: Bud Hodgkins, Bobby Hoffman, Tom Corcoran, Diane Merritt

Front Hedge Project North Side of Park

L-R: Skip Pratt, Jay Merritt



Photos:
Diane Merritt



L-R: Paul Zeller, Tom Corcoran



Photo: Paul Zeller



Mild Chili
&
Cornbread
Lunch



Photos: Kitty Ewald

L-R: Bobby Hoffman, Dave Ed, Jay Merritt,
Earl Cooper, Lynn Lunde



Bill Ewald

MARDI GRAS

Parade



Here They Come!



Steve Warren



Lynn & Becky Lunde



L-R: Phoebe Bollin, Judy Hoffman



Gerry Molitor



L-R: Sue & Bruce Randall, Skip



John Ray



L-R: Diane Luppens, Julie Polter



Bob Lewis



L-R: Dale Mahnken, June Post

Jim and Arlene Krueger discovered a wonderful surprise in the March 2021 issue of the FMCA publication, *Family Matters*. Our very own Vera Greene was featured in an article written by Assoc. Editor, Skip Tate. Janet Gibson was also interviewed as part of the article.



Family RVing March 2021

JOYFUL JOURNEYS

Vera Greene, L27, relishes memories of the RV life and FMCA.

Skip Tate, Assoc. Editor

The plaque is firmly attached to an iron railing that runs alongside the three steps that lead up to Vera Greene's front door, right where everyone who passes by or stops in for a visit can see: Family Motor Coach Association - 27 - Charter Member.

"We were there at the beginning, when FMCA was started [in 1963]," Vera said. "We could have had a lower number — 3, 4, 5, 6 — but my husband, Hank, worked for Gorton's of Gloucester, and his parking space was number 27. He wanted something easy to remember, so we took 27."

For nearly 30 years, the plaque rode on the three buses Hank and Vera converted, prominently displayed for everyone to see as they crisscrossed the country. After Hank died and Vera settled into an Escapees RV

park in Wauchula, Florida, in 1992, she wanted to make sure it was displayed in an equally prominent place.

"We have some other FMCA members who live here," she said. "I make sure I know who they are and they know me."

Now 90 years old, Vera may well be the oldest living FMCA founding member. She and Hank, who served as president of the Northeast chapter in 1972, lived in Gloucester, Massachusetts, about an hour's drive from the home of Bob Richter, L1, FMCA's founder and first president, in Hanson, Massachusetts. They lived about two hours from Wolf Den State Park in Connecticut, site of the September 7, 1963,

Constitution Committee meeting, which they attended.

"We had three buses, remodeled all of them ourselves," she said. "We tore them all apart, started from scratch. We had a couple of GMC buses. That was like a palace to me. We drove one in a parade once. They said it was Gloucester's first land yacht."

In the winter, the couple would travel to Vermont so their kids could ski. In later years, they drove to Montana each summer to visit their daughter, detouring into Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon.

"One time we put it on the boat and went up into Newfoundland, Canada," said Vera, in a still-thick New England accent. "And, of course,

we would attend rallies. Every one of those rallies was wonderful. We hosted one. It was overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Gorton's put on a fish fry. Scallops. If you don't think that was a big party? Whew!"

Vera loved having fun at RV rallies, said Janet Gibson, her neighbor and fellow FMCA member. "She would be up there, hooting and hollering, dancing on the tables."

Although still feisty, Vera's slowed a bit in recent years. "She gave up driving a few years ago," Janet said, "but she just got a golf cart and likes to zoom around the development."

When it was suggested she behave herself, Vera scoffed at the idea.

"Why? I've got to be me." ●



Hank and Vera Green were among FMCA's first members. For 30 years they attended rallies, singing the FMCA song. In 1972, Hank (beside, right) got Gorton's Seafood to donate food for FMCA's Burlington, Vermont, convention. Vera (in sunglasses) assisted. She now displays their plaque at her Florida home (left).



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