



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

April 2021

## Board Meeting Highlights

### March 9, 2021 Meeting

Upon inspection, it was reported that the Florida Environmental Protection Agency found our wastewater facility is in compliance.

Bids and recommendations from the Grounds Committee for the replacement of 2 of the 9 underground water valves that would allow for Isolation when all 9 were replaced in the future were presented. After considerable discussion, the Board and most members agreed that, instead, the park's water system would best be improved by replacing the old, galvanized risers at each post.

There was discussion whether budgeted reserve funds were adequate to meet the park's current and future needs. It was decided that each re-

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serve fund should be defined according to the expenditures that it should cover and for the anticipated length of time. Some board members will attend a Budget and Finance Committee to discuss this issue.

### March 25, 2021 Meeting

Kevin & Julie Polter were hired as park attendants for the 2021-22 season.

Remediation of the front wall of the clubhouse is progressing. The wet insulation and sheet rock in the office are yet to be replaced.

Replacing the galvanized risers discussed at the March 9 meeting will cost approximately \$30 each.

The Board approved a variance until the next annual meeting to waive the 60-day limit for reservations.

A new reservation policy for next season was approved.

The 55+ survey has been completed. Federal regulations require that 80% of our occupancy (members and visitors) must be 55 or older. This February, we had 96% qualifying adults in the park.



Thank you, Heather, for the invaluable contributions you have made

to our park during your 3 years here. We have all benefited from your experience, efficiency, commitment, and willingness to go above and beyond. When things were slow in the summer, it wasn't unusual to find you painting in the clubhouse, refurbishing the pool hallway bulletin boards, weeding, or offering to do anything else that needed to be done. The associate degree you got in accounting last year provided the much-appreciated expertise to our bookkeeping tasks. You will be missed, and we wish you the very best.

## Summer Mail Reminders for Traveling Resort Members

Any members with the park as their LEGAL RESIDENCE need to leave address stickers in the office before they leave if they want mail forwarded.

If the park is not your legal residence, don't forget to notify your home post office to take care of your mail as you desire.



## Virtual Board Meeting via Zoom

**Tuesday, April 13  
10 am**

**Code Emailed  
When Available**

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

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## Weekly Activities



**Wine B4 Dine**  
Thursdays 4 pm  
Pool Patio

Bring snack to share & your choice of beverage.

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

**Kitchen Cleaning  
Volunteers Needed**  
Wednesday, April 7  
9:00 am



## Yard Sale Donations

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



With the COVID restrictions in place this season and a bulging yard sale shed, Jan

Pratt decided to offer a flash yard sale to the residents of the park, each targeting specific categories. Her efforts along with those of her helpers netted \$1,190.55 for the March sale. The total for the 6 sales is \$3,836.05. Jan thanks Rick DeCiero and all the wonderful people who came to help.

## Reservations for 2021-22

Reservations for next season can be made beginning Monday, May 3, at 9 am.

Check the park's website: [www.fl-skp-resort.org](http://www.fl-skp-resort.org) for next season's rates and rental policy.



Last Happy Hour  
April 7



**Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm**  
Pool Patio  
Twice a Week

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**Bowl of Fun**  
943 S 6th Ave  
Downtown Wauchula

**Thursday  
10:00 am**

\$10 for 3 Games  
(Includes Shoes)



**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.



# March Around the Park

Clubhouse roof cleaning crew included l-r Bob Schumann, Esley Hill, Jay Merritt, Diane Merritt



The five volunteers included l-r, Bruce Randall, Gary Canning, Skip Pratt, Bud Hodgkins, Skip LaPlant



Steve Warren testing the new chair lift installed by volunteer handimen.



When not on the roof cleaning, Earl Cooper managed the safety ropes.



Photos: Anne Warren



Unpacking the lift. L-r Bruce Randall, Gary Canning, Skip Pratt.

Photos: Paul Zeller



Bobby Hoffman and Denny Luppens were among the volunteers who planted the 60 podocarpus plants on the east side of the park entrance.



# St. Patrick's Day Dance



DeeJays Lynn & Becky Lunde

Debbie & Esley Hill

Sue & Rich DeCiero

Dan & Chris Drassal

Judy & Craig Lewis

L-r, Tony Pettinato, Elsie Petinato, Dave Irons

Mike & Roberta Sticht

L-r Bruce Randall, Gary Canning

Kathy & Gary Canning

Joan & Ken Tarkin

Photos: Ed Landry

L-r Chris Drassal, Sue Randall

Audrey Wyatt anticipating what her pretty package might hold.

The Yankee Swap provided a fun evening for l-r, June Post, Jeanne Cook, Lynn Lunde, Becky Lunde, Janet Gibson, and Dale Mahnken.

Elinor Gooding showing off her "birds of a feather" pillow.

Photos: Rose Irons

George Saba admiring Capt'n Kenny's lamp for a swap.



June Post was attracted to this pretty package.



**April Birthdays**

4/13 ..... Pat Dubuc  
 4/16 ..... Barbara Bolhouse  
 4/18 ..... Leigh Ann Cooper  
 4/19 ..... Jane Lewis  
 4/19 ..... Rose Irons  
 4/19 ..... Jay Merritt  
 4/22 ..... George Weiss  
 4/22 ..... Chuck Roth  
 4/22 ..... Margery Zeller  
 4/23 ..... Jean Anne Hunt  
 4/23 ..... Dick Naughton  
 4/24 ..... Skip LaPlante  
 4/27 ..... Bill Ewald  
 4/29 ..... Jim Bolhouse  
 4/29 ..... Barb Fletcher

**April Anniversaries**

4/01 ..... Danny & Joan Lindstrom  
 4/07 ..... Marty & June Parr  
 4/23 ..... Ernie & Eva Herman  
 4/26 ..... Dick & Mary Lou Naughton

**May Birthdays**

5/01 ..... Dave Irons  
 5/07 ..... Joann Silva  
 5/08 ..... Emma Beckwith  
 5/10 ..... Marty Parr  
 5/26 ..... Linda Sandel  
 5/27 ..... Bobbie Hoffman  
 5/27 ..... Ken Hixson  
 5/29 ..... Kitty Ewald  
 5/30 ..... Nancy Yvon

**May Anniversaries**

5/05 ..... Terry & Christina Baideme  
 5/09 ..... Swede & Joan Lindstrom  
 5/11 ..... Dick & Nancy Pearce  
 5/20 ..... Art & Pat Dubuc  
 5/28 ..... Frank & Julie King  
 5/31 ..... Tony & Elsie Pettinato

**June Birthdays**

6/03 ..... Carol Torns  
 6/06 ..... Lynn Lord  
 6/07 ..... James Jones  
 6/07 ..... Gary Hohman  
 6/08 ..... Ken Tarkin  
 6/12 ..... Mel VonPloennies  
 6/14 ..... Robert Mellis  
 6/14 ..... George White  
 6/16 ..... Danny Lindstrom  
 6/17 ..... Craig Sandel  
 6/17 ..... Linda Cahill  
 6/17 ..... Anne Schumann  
 6/17 ..... Steve Little  
 6/17 ..... Ted Wallin  
 6/18 ..... Jan Pratt  
 6/20 ..... Barbara Bobek  
 6/20 ..... Monica Behun  
 6/21 ..... Terry Regennitter  
 6/22 ..... Diane Luppens  
 6/23 ..... Steve Warren  
 6/27 ..... Kenny Breault  
 6/27 ..... George Saba  
 6/29 ..... Terry Baideme

**June Anniversaries**

6/02 ..... Jim & Arlene Krueger  
 6/04 ..... Skip & Jan Pratt  
 6/04 ..... Ted & Donna Wallin  
 6/08 ..... George & Lillian White  
 6/9 ..... Rick & Sue DeCiero  
 6/15 ..... Anne & Steve Warren  
 6/17 ..... Bill & Jan Maas  
 6/26 ..... George & Anita Saba  
 6/27 ..... Dave & Rose Irons  
 6/29 ..... James & Paula Jones

**July Birthdays**

7/03 ..... Donna Wallin  
 7/03 ..... Joe Behun  
 7/09 ..... Lanette Breault  
 7/09 ..... Bob Schumann  
 7/14 ..... Dale Mahnken  
 7/15 ..... Skip Pratt  
 7/16 ..... Sue DeCiero  
 7/17 ..... Noreta Ray  
 7/20 ..... Anita Saba

**July Anniversaries**

7/02 ..... Joe & Monica Behun  
 7/16 ..... Mike & Tammy Milliard  
 7/25 ..... Gary & Susan Hohman  
 7/29 ..... Chris & Rita Blakely  
 7/30 ..... Bob & Emma Beckwith

**August Birthdays**

8/02 ..... Rob Beatty  
 8/07 ..... Frank King  
 8/08 ..... Kathy Heaton  
 8/09 ..... Susan Mannery  
 8/10 ..... Eva Herman  
 8/10 ..... Cindy Henderson  
 8/14 ..... Chris Blakely  
 8/15 ..... Norman Milliard, II  
 8/16 ..... Judy Hoffman  
 8/17 ..... Jim Krueger  
 8/17 ..... Susan Wszalek  
 8/21 ..... Linda Ward  
 8/22 ..... Ann Castle  
 8/24 ..... Ginny Milliard  
 8/24 ..... Audrey Wyatt  
 8/28 ..... June Post

**August Anniversaries**

8/03 ..... Paul & Margery Zeller  
 8/14 ..... Chuck & Mari Roth  
 8/18 ..... Jay & Diane Merritt  
 8/22 ..... Val & Lorraine Young  
 8/22 ..... Ray & Kathy Heaton  
 8/22 ..... Robert & Jo Mellis  
 8/23 ..... Denny & Diane Luppens  
 8/29 ..... Norm & Ginny Milliard  
 8/29 ..... Earl & Leigh Ann Cooper  
 8/31 ..... Ken & Joan Tarkin

**September Birthdays**

9/09 ..... Bill Maas  
 9/11 ..... Anne Warren  
 9/12 ..... Sharon Weiss  
 9/13 ..... Gary Wyatt  
 9/15 ..... Katsue VonPloennies  
 9/19 ..... Kevin McIntyre  
 9/20 ..... Margaret McIntyre  
 9/24 ..... Paul Zeller  
 9/28 ..... Diane Little  
 9/29 ..... Ernie Herman

**September Anniversaries**

9/03 ..... Nelson & Ann Castle  
 9/05 ..... Steve & Diane Little  
 9/05 ..... Brenda & Alex Rutchka  
 9/11 ..... Ed & Cathy Landry  
 9/18 ..... Bob & Jane Lewis  
 9/23 ..... George & Sharon Weiss

**October Birthday**

10/04 ..... Diane Merritt  
 10/08 ..... Tomasa Selph  
 10/06 ..... Bob Crystal  
 10/11 ..... Joan Lindstrom  
 10/14 ..... Earl Cooper  
 10/18 ..... Laurie Milliard  
 10/19 ..... Bev Cirou  
 10/24 ..... Swede Lindstrom  
 10/26 ..... Betsy Hixson  
 10/28 ..... Lynn Lunde  
 10/30 ..... Jan Maas

**October Anniversaries**

10/10 ..... Kenny & Lanette Breault  
 10/16 ..... Bob & Anne Schumann  
 10/24 ..... Lynn & Becky Lunde  
 10/24 ..... Gary & Audrey Wyatt

**Arrivals, Farewells & Moves****New to Park**

Mark & Karen Ireland ..... G-09  
 Craig & Judy Lewis ..... H-09

**Farewell**

Roger & Lavonne Hogan ..... H-35  
 Gerry & Rita Molitor ..... G-27

**Moved to a Different Site**

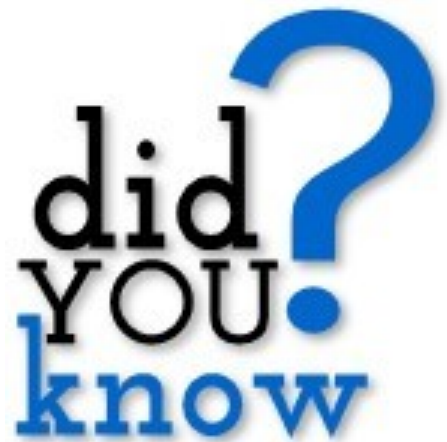
Stephen & Nancy Kingsley . G-09 to H-35  
 Steve & Diane Little ..... H-09 to G-27



In 2020, Public Relations and the Prospective Member Committees collaborated to endeavor to get to know our prospective members by enhancing the application for membership.

The answers we received, provided valuable insight into our applicants. Our sample included six applicants.

1. Escapee membership
  - New members at the time they applied ..... 3
  - Escapee members 2 year ..... 2
  - Escapee members 3 year ..... 1
2. What attracted them to our park.
  - Physical Appearance ..... 6
  - Friendliness ..... 4
  - Activities ..... 2
  - Location ..... 2
  - Family / Friends ..... 1
  - Financial ..... 2
3. Years an RVer
  - 3 yrs; 20 yrs; 2 yrs; 30 yrs (tenter); 40 yrs
4. Full-Timer?
  - 1 yes; 1 almost; 4 seasonal
5. How did they hear about us
  - RVnetwork.com
  - Escapees.com
  - Our website
  - Resort members
  - Web search and visit



The applicants shared a wide-range of their talents and knowledge including first aid and CPR teaching; high tech retired geek, computers, networking; personal fitness trainer; electrician; bingo caller; working on RV tech certification; good w/computers and cell phones; skills with equipment operation & maintenance; office management; food prep; social events.

In addition, the Prospective Member Committee sought to learn the reasons why prospective members were removing their name from the prospective member list. The reasons of the 4 who answered were varied.

- “Due to the Escapees club support of the Black Lives Matter terrorist organization I was forced to re-sign membership.”
- “Wait list is too long, Would be nice if anyone on the wait list could put their name in when sites become available. Other co-ops do it that way; Looking at your park via drone photos, it looks like the park is turning into a trailer park, not an rv park. Too many double wides.”
- Change of heart as to where they would like to permanently locate. Decided on Arizona
- “Returning to part-time Rving.”

We can learn a lot about our prospective members from the application’s answers on the application which in turn helps us know how to better educate the vision and values of our community and tap into their strengths.

Knowing why a prospective member removes their name from the list can help us have a better understanding of RVers’ needs and desires and how that impacts their RV goals as well as a measure of perceptions people might have of our park.

It would be incumbent upon us to implement the tracking of both questionnaires more fully going forward to take advantage of the opportunity to garner this kind of worthwhile information to pass on to the Planning Committee, Public Relations, the Board, and other interested parties.

# Puzzle Me This

Congratulations to Bruce Randall and Mary Ann Corcoran for an absolutely ingenious, challenging, and fun Puzzle Me This hunt!

## Clue #1

### Puzzle Me This

S	O	U	T	H	W	E	S	T	C	V	R
K	I	J	Z	X	P	A	R	K	Y	Y	T
G	B	L	O	C	K	H	T	P	A	I	S
D	T	G	P	G	L	Y	Q	J	E	V	S
C	Q	A	O	L	I	I	M	B	J	A	E
S	A	T	C	O	R	N	E	R	Q	I	M
U	J	E	D	D	N	T	D	N	A	L	C
A	N	B	J	K	I	I	J	T	S	L	G

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↘.

P \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

C \_ \_ \_ \_ , B \_ \_ \_ \_ BY G \_ \_ \_

ANSWER: PARK SOUTHWEST CORNER, BLOCK BY GATE

## Clue #2

Was a locked cardboard book. The key was hidden behind the tree just to the east of the gate. Once you unlocked the three pieces of cardboard and pieced them together, the clue was written along a path that read: ANSWER: PARK NORTHWEST CORNER BY POND AT FENCE. HINT "WATER WORKS"

## Clue #3

This stop you had to pour the water from the jug into the PVC pipe tied to the fence. While covering the two holes, the container with the clue floated to the top of the pipe. WORD SCRAMBLE:

cread erte; krpa nteaemc; aoregn oegvr

ANSWER: CEDAR TREE PARK ENTRANCE ORANGE GROVE

## Clue #4

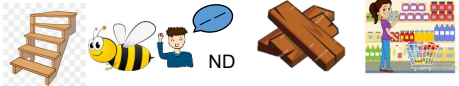
This clue was in a container hanging in the cedar tree by the park entrance. You had to lower the container with the rope.

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Hint 1: an online decoder makes this a breeze!  
Hint 2: Where to go in an emergency  
ANSWER: PARK EMERGENCY EXIT

Four singles and 11 couples finished the Puzzle Me This activity. The names chosen from the winners drawing were: **Norm & Ginny Milliard, Steve & Anne Warren, and Lynn & Becky Lundee.**

## Clue #5



ANSWER: STAIRS BEHIND WOOD SHOP  
THIS CLUE WAS IN A CONTAINER HANGING FROM THE STAIRS BEHIND THE WOOD SHOP. THERE WERE SEVERAL FILM CONTAINERS IN THIS CONTAINER. SOME CONTAINED THE CLUE, SOME WERE EMPTY AND SOME CONTAINED ENCOURAGING NOTES TO KEEP LOOKING!

## Clue #6

"Number one rule: Be cool and have fun!" Do you know where this clue is leading you? If so, head straight there. When you do, sit down and relax on the bench, if not, try this.....What does the UPS guy use to find us in the park? If you know this then you've saved the day! Solve this equation and head to this post on SKP Way! This post is smarter than most.  
 $(25+25)^2 - (10 \times 20) - 72 =$

ANSWER: THE FIRST PART OF THIS CLUE IS THE FIRST LINE OF THE SIGN AT THE DOG PARK BY THE POND. IF YOU GUESSED THAT, YOU WOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE DOG PARK. IF NOT YOU SOLVED THE EQUATION AND GOT 2228; THE NEXT CLUE WAS HIDDEN UNDER THE ADDRESS POST AT SITE 2228 SKP WAY

## Clue #7

"Use park at your own risk. This is a free park. No complaining allowed." Do you know where this clue is leading you now? If so, head straight there and sit on the bench and relax. If not, try this.....

You are getting closer to the finale.... Solve this equation and head to the post at Alligator Alley!

(Last clue address) +  $1 \times 16 - 6 =$

ANSWER: THE FIRST PART OF THIS CLUE IS THE SECOND LINE OF THE SIGN AT THE DOG PARK BY THE POND. IF YOU GUESSED THAT, YOU WOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE DOG PARK. IF NOT YOU SOLVED THE EQUATION AND GOT (2228) +  $16 - 6 = 2238$ ; THE NEXT CLUE WAS HIDDEN UNDER THE ADDRESS POST AT SITE 2238 ALLEGATOR ALLEY

## Clue #8

"No dogs without people." Do you know where this clue is leading you now? If so, head straight there and sit on the bench and relax. If not, try this to get the last clue to get you there.

You need to find another address post. Is this driving you insane? Solve this equation and head to Leisure Lane!

(Last clue address) +  $14/2 =$

ANSWER: THE FIRST PART OF THIS CLUE IS THE THIRD LINE OF THE SIGN AT THE DOG PARK BY THE POND. IF YOU GUESSED THAT, YOU WOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE DOG PARK. IF NOT YOU SOLVED THE EQUATION AND GOT (2238) +  $7 = 2245$ ; THE NEXT CLUE WAS HIDDEN UNDER THE ADDRESS POST AT SITE 2245 LEISURE LANE

## Clue #9

"Watch your dogs at all times. Leashes are not required but your dog must be under voice control" Now head to this place and sit on the bench and relax! Your next clue is nearby.

THE NEXT CLUE WAS UNDER THE BENCH AT THE DOG PARK BY THE POND

## Clue #10

You've solved the puzzle and see the picture; Here's a hint to get you there quicker; You're heading to a place you may go once a week; To wash, dry and fold. Do you know where to take a peak?

ANSWER: THIS WAS A PICTURE PUZZLE. WHEN YOU PUT IT TOGETHER IT WAS A PICTURE OF A PIPE BEHIND THE LAUNDRY ROOM. THE CLUE WAS HIDDEN IN THE END OF THE PIPE.

## Clue #11

They were an elite team of Marines that produced a code during WWII that the Japanese could not break. Here is your last clue, can you decipher it?

THAN-ZIE GAH DZEH DZEH BE-TKAH SHUSH AH-NAH  
LIN TKIN TSAH LHA-CHA-EH BE-TKAH CHA DZEH DAH  
-NES-TSA SHUSH BE-TKAH AH-TAD WOL-LA-CHEE AH  
-LOSZ BE AH-NAH A-CHIN

Hint: USE THIS DECODER: <https://www.dcode.fr/navajo-codedecoders> Email us at [puzzlemethis6@gmail.com](mailto:puzzlemethis6@gmail.com) if you want us to email you the text so you can cut/paste.

ANSWER: TREE BEHIND HERB GARDEN.  
THERE WAS A CONTAINER IN THE FENCE BY THE TREE BEHIND THE HERB GARDEN. HERE YOU GOT THE ENTRY FORM FOR THE WINNERS DRAWING.



## Departure Checklist

This checklist from the Safety/Emergency Committee is a timely reminder to batten down the hatches before you leave for the summer to prevent damage to your neighbors' property or your own property.

This checklist is provided by the Safety/Emergency Committee to help keep our RVs and homes safe during summer storms. Storms can be fierce here, and we need to prepare ahead of time.

- ☐ Put away flags and flag poles
- ☐ Put away patio furniture/chairs
- ☐ Put away garden tools and equipment
- ☐ Put away trash cans and grills.
- ☐ Put away plant pots.

Anything you can hold with your hands could become a torpedo in a heavy wind or storm. Do not leave plants outdoors if you are not here to take care of them and move them indoors in case of storm.

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- ☐ Remove detached steps and store safely.
- ☐ Turn off propane and water.
- ☐ Turn off electricity if you are not keeping your a/c or humidistat running.
- ☐ Close and lock hurricane shutters/awnings
- ☐ Close and lock windows; cover with reflective material, if desired.
- ☐ Check sheds and homes for leaks and loose shingles. Repair before leaving.
- ☐ Clean behind sheds. No loose items can remain there during the summer.

## Summer Residents

It is important for everyone to band together to keep the Resort safe. Rose Irons, F-10, is the Safety Committee contact during the summer.

It is important to help prepare the clubhouse and pool for storms as well.

- ☐ Put away pool equipment and toys
- ☐ Put away pool furniture
- ☐ Put away any loose items around the outside of the clubhouse

Thank you! Have a safe and happy summer!

## 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.)	

**The RESORT is located on the north side of Hwy 64, just over 2 miles east of where Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17.**

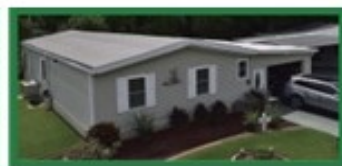
Code for Gate Beside Site A-1.....13-35-13

Code for Drive-Through Gate Between Sites A-28 and A-30.....32-14-22



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