



Cracker Crumbs



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

November 2021

WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to a happy, productive fall/ winter season.

Your Board has had many challenges to overcome since our unprecedented February election. The annual meeting was suspended and we had ten (10) members running for the five (5) positions. The membership carried off the election without a glitch and we ended up with a new Board. What ensued was more Zoom meetings in preparation for the summer season and trying to get ready for the fall/ winter season.

Our office manager quit so we hired a full and part time worker to fill this gap. About four (4) weeks later the full time office manager quit and the part time worker filled this gap. Our tax preparer then quit and we hired

an Accountant firm to advise and correct problems that involved our taxes being filed incorrectly for the past three years. We also were threatened with legal action and the Board hired an attorney.

Throughout all this, your Board has been in constant contact running the park's business and preparing for our following season. I'm very pleased with every member of our Board, as everyone has contributed in a positive way.

Steve Little, Vice President, has been the voice of reason throughout the many summer emails. Dave Mayo, Treasurer, has been invaluable in reorganizing our accounting system and finding both the accounting and legal firms. He has some very exciting new teaching programs scheduled for the future. Jane Lewis, Assistant Treasurer, has been doing everything from directing the front office to assisting Dave and much



more. June Post, Secretary, being in the park with Skip L, has been taking care of business, keeping records and contributing her wisdom to the many issues as they develop. Skip Pratt, At Large, has been larger than life writing the reservation policy and implementing same for a profitable fall/winter season. Finally Skip LaPlante, At Large, being in charge this summer at the park, has been doing just about everything from organizing the summer help to meals and fun times for all to enjoy. As President, I have been assisted by an amazing Board, helping with decisions with many emails and Zoom communications.

Things are looking bright for our park as it evolves into the future.

Ed Landry - President

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

Sunday, November 7



Board Meeting

A Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9.

Wait for more details or contact your Board members for the time and meeting format.

FUN Meeting

Monday, November 8, 9:00 AM

Meetings are the first Monday of every month after November.

Everyone is a voting member of Fun 'n Sun! Come get details about the month's activities!

Monday breakfasts begin on November 8 from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. Best breakfast and prices in town! Weekly announcements right after breakfast.



Early Tree Trimming

We are going to have the same people who did such an excellent job trimming the Park trees last year come again this year. They are tentatively scheduled to start the week of November 8. We are having them come earlier this year before very many members and visitors are in the Park.

This year we are also going to have them trim both the street trees and the private trees. If you have a tree on your lot that needs trimming and you haven't yet signed up, please contact Paul Zeller H-32 ASAP.

When the trimmers come, they will be moving rather quickly. If you hear them nearby, please move vehicles, flower pots, decorations, or any other obstructions so they can have clear access to any tree that needs trimming.

Message from New Members Craig and Judy Lewis



Thank you to everyone who welcomed Judy and I as we became new members in March and got our lot on H-9. We were so happy to get the call this year while we were actually here. We are so grateful that we are new members and would like to thank everyone who congratulated us after hearing the good news. We have been enjoying your wonderful park for 6 years now and always have felt welcomed by the members and guests.

In 2015 we were invited by a lovely couple that we knew from reading a lot of their information about Scamps on the Fiberglass RV Website. We finally got to meet Norm and Ginny at Scamp Camp over in Highlands Hammock State Park and they were well respected by many of us who used the information they shared on taking advantage of space and being together in a small RV. After introductions and spending some time we were invited along with two other couples for coffee and to see the SKP Park and Norm and Ginny's home.

After coffee we got the tour and saw how nice the SKP Resort truly was: the palm tree lined streets, the perfectly placed street lamps and the roomy sites. We joined the Escapees as soon as we could.

On our first visit to the resort it rained as usual for us, go figure!

But we got to see how exceptional the engineering of the resort was. The Resort was laid out so that the rain ran down the middle of the streets right to your retaining pond and when the rain ended there were no puddles anywhere. You would think that an odd observation by a guest but I have a little construction background and our sons are both Engineers. We marveled at the foresight of whoever laid out this park and they did an outstanding job and graded it perfectly. We were also here for the 30th Birthday Party to help celebrate the park. Just listening to the remaining founding members speak of the hard work, dedication and planning and, of course, the fun they had building this park, it was evident that they took great pride in developing this resort. They

nurtured a culture (Yes A Culture). I heard one of our Board of Directors, Steve Little, use that term by the patio area one day - of Volunteerism,

Camaraderie and Great Pride in working together to create and maintain a wonderful place that you all share and think of as your own.

As you can see, there is a lot to like about the SKP Park and you should all be proud of yourselves having created a wonderful place that people want to come and enjoy!

Please keep the Camaraderie, Volunteerism and that Culture of Working Together going! You have many wonderful and talented people who are passionate about this park. We are very happy that we are finally members! Thank You for Welcoming Us!

Craig and Judy Lewis H9



Welcome Park Attendants

Jeff and Laura Walker



We are so blessed to have Jeff and Laura Walker as our park attendants for the 2021-22 winter season. Luckily, one of

their sons, the youngest of 3, lives in the Tampa area, which was the reason that Jeff and Laura chose the Florida SKP Resort for their winter position.

Jeff and Laura left their home of 20 years in Fenton, Michigan, six and a half years ago to travel fulltime. The couple has been doing mission work in volunteer positions with Habitat for Humanities, primarily as members of that organization's disaster rebuild team. They have served in 17 states, several times in Florida, including in Sebring following Hurricane Irma. While at Habitat's headquarters in Americus, Georgia, they were honored, along with one other couple, to dine privately with Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter.

Their experiences as homeowners and with Habitat for Humanities have played a role in adding to their many skills. Although Jeff is a superb workman with knowledge and abilities in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, mowing, and operating equipment such as lifts and tractors, he's not the only one; Laura "can swing a mean hammer" as well.

The two met in a math class while attending Central Michigan University and dated for 4 years before their marriage on August 9th at St. Charles Methodist Church. At that

time, Jeff was serving in the Air Force in California. So Laura says she just told Jeff the time and place to show up for the wedding. Jeff spent 6 years in the Air Force as a navigator on C-130's, including a tour in Desert Storm.

Prior to retirement, Jeff's career was in computer programming, and Laura's was in human resources and office administration. While raising their 3 sons, Jeff and Laura took them out of school for educational tours of Australia and New Zealand, and again to experience Hawaii.

Birthdays: Jeff, June 2; Laura October 14

Phones: Jeff 810-610-9233; Laura 810-597-7245

Shared email: jnlwalker@gmail.com



Florida Fun!

The first place to visit is Maxwell Groves in Avon Park, FL. Maxwell Groves has been in business since 1935. The Grove is not the reason so many people go there: it is the ice cream! The best orange ice cream! It is non dairy and wonderfully orangey. You can also buy oranges and juice there, and relax in the wooden rocking chairs on the porch. Well worth the trip.

<https://maxwellgrovescountystore.com/>



While in Avon Park there is a good southern restaurant on 64 just before the turn for Maxwell Groves. The Depot is open just for breakfast and lunch. The owner hand writes the menu on paper each day. Come hungry or expect to take home left overs. There are tricks, too: pie. Great home-made pies; most people order pie first before they get their food because they sell out. Coconut cream is excellent. The last little tip: bring cash, they only take cash. This is an old-fashioned place, with no website or Facebook but very good food.

The Depot,
21 W Main St, Avon Park, FL
33825, (863) 453-5600

Another great restaurant a few doors down is 18 East, which is only open for dinner.

<https://m.facebook.com/eighteeneast/>

Fun'n Sun 2021-2022

Welcome back to a new season at the SKP Resort. The Fun'n Sun committee of seven recently met to plan the November calendar. We have a few brand new ideas and some "tried and true" activities to kick off the season. This year we plan to implement more activities inside the clubhouse. We have someone new running the kitchen, Deb Mowers, who is very excited to help us out and bring her culinary experience to the kitchen. We are always looking for new and creative ideas and of course volunteers to implement them. Please feel free to share your thoughts with any of us. Our first Fun'n Sun meeting will be held on Monday, November 8th at 9am after our first Monday morning breakfast. Let's think positive for a fun and safe SKP season.

SKP Hugs,
Cathy Landry
Fun'n Sun President



Remembering Jeanne Cooke

By Jean Anne Hunt

As many of you know, my mother Jeanne Cooke passed away on October 12th. She was a member of this park for 27 years and her winters spent here were so special for her. She always looked forward to being here and participating in as many events as possible. She was always willing to volunteer and especially enjoyed food events. She tried never to miss Bingo and most certainly ice cream! Her little container was always ready for the leftover grits at Monday breakfast!

She met so many special friends over the years and she would be so humbled reading all of the prayers and comments from many of you. She would always tell me who she spoke with during her walks and bike rides. Just recently she had said how much she was looking forward to the warm weather and being able to get out and exercise more. She was already planning her 99th birthday celebration and spoke often of her 98th.

Bob and I thank all of you for your support of Jeanne and your prayers for our family. Mother's absence will be distinctly felt.

Thank You!

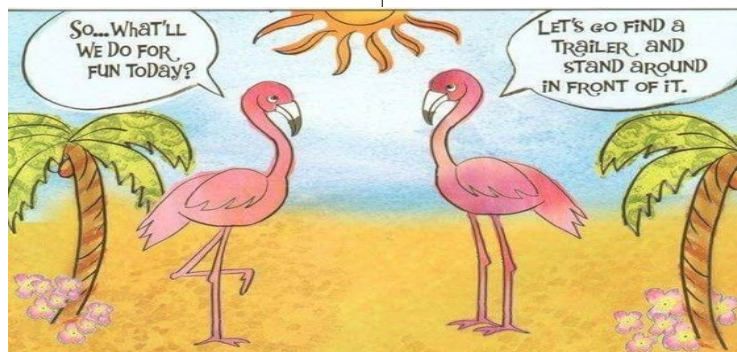
Thank you to all of our SKP family for your love, concern, and especially your prayers during our journey this summer. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Dick & Nancy Pierce, H-14

FAMILY NEWS

Birthdays of the Month

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



Happy Anniver-

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

Yard Sale Donations

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

to make arrangements to drop off donations at the shed.

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



At press time we did not have details for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner. Be sure to come to the Monday morning meetings or contact a Fun 'n Sun Board member to learn the time and details! Be prepared to participate in another great SKP Thanksgiving!



Remembering Ken Tarkin

Ken Tarkin is a soul who will be missed from this park. Ken helped the park with many different things, from computers to just telling a joke or singing a song. Ken had several children and grandchildren. One year he and Joan had a concert with their grandchildren and we could hear their musical talent and see the love he had for them. And of course, Ken was a stickler for the rules and would always tell us the proper parliamentary procedure. We will miss his knowledge and his gentle presence.



Summer Fun

Wine Before Dine



Escapade



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Dinners



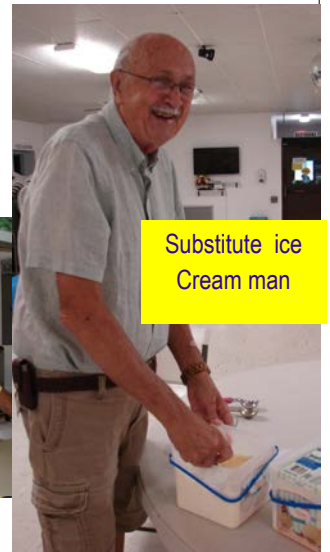
Birthdays



Cooks



Substitute ice Cream man



Noreta & John



Ernie & Eva



Our Captain, Leader, who helps everyone



Florida Escapees Gathering For Lunch

Luncheons are held the first Thursday of the month (**November thru April**) at 11am at Golden Corral, 1555 Grand Hwy. (FL SR 50 a few yards East of US 27), in Clermont.

Chapter 57 Fall Rally –November 8-12, 2021

When: November 8-12, 2021
 Where: Morningside RV Estates, 12645 Morning Drive, Dade City, FL 33525
 Rally Hosts: No Host Rally
 Site Fees: \$35.00 per night including 2 days each side of rally
 Reservations: Call the resort at 352-523-1922

Chapter 57 Spring Rally –April, 2022

When: April 4-8, 2022 (Dates are Tentative)
 Where: Morningside RV Estates, 12645 Morning Drive, Dade City, FL 33525
 Rally Hosts: Need Hosts
 Site Fees: \$35.00? per night including 2 days each side of rally
 Reservations: Call the resort at 352-523-1922

Dave & Rose Irons:

Hello Camping Friends,

Dave and I really enjoyed our trip up the east coast this summer. Nine



weeks on the road to friends, and made Lobster Fest Rally in Wonderful time with made some new advice from Brian Downing and



see family and the Chapter 3 Maine. old friends and ones. We took and Barbara decided that

joining multiple Escapees Chapters just adds to the fun, so we are now members of Chapter We have new parents, Cheryl and Doug Pease. The Lobster Fest was wonderful. Thank you, Chapter 3. Looking forward to seeing our Chapter 57 friends in November.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Our first book club meeting will be on Monday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m., right after breakfast and announcements.

We will meet in the library at the clubhouse.

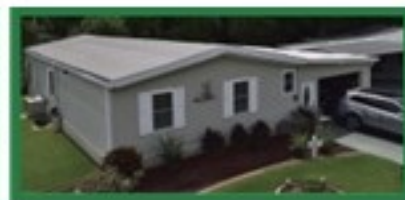
We will be reading *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celest Ng. Set in a planned suburb of Cleveland, two completely opposite families confront their own prejudices and deceptions.

A unique and engrossing read! Please read the book and come share you ideas about it!

Questions? Call or text Laurie Milliard 425-770-1902, or email laurie.milliard@gmail.com.



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