



# Cracker Crumbs



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

December 2021

# ELECTION

Fresh ideas. A new perspective. Calm and patient in thought and action. The drive to start something worth doing. Empathetic and friendly. Loyal and selfless, too. Does this sound like you? This is our 10th year encouraging you to search within yourself for some of those exact qualities by answering the question: "If not you, then who should help lead the Park towards another 33 years?"

This year, the Board requires a minimum of 4 candidates to stand for election to fill the seats currently held by June Post, Skip Pratt, Skip LaPlante, and Ed Landry. The two-year terms they have served end at the Annual Meeting this coming February 21, 2022.



**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

We would encourage more than 4 of you to run in an effort to give the park choices, and an airing of ideas to choose from. All members are encouraged to participate. We have benefited from the leadership, the strength of foresight, and the organization of a Board with diverse opinions and life experiences. Your talents, skill-sets, temperament, and desires for the Resort are what we ask you to offer in its service.

Any member in good standing is eligible. A candidate's presence during the business period of the Park is desired, but not a requirement for running;

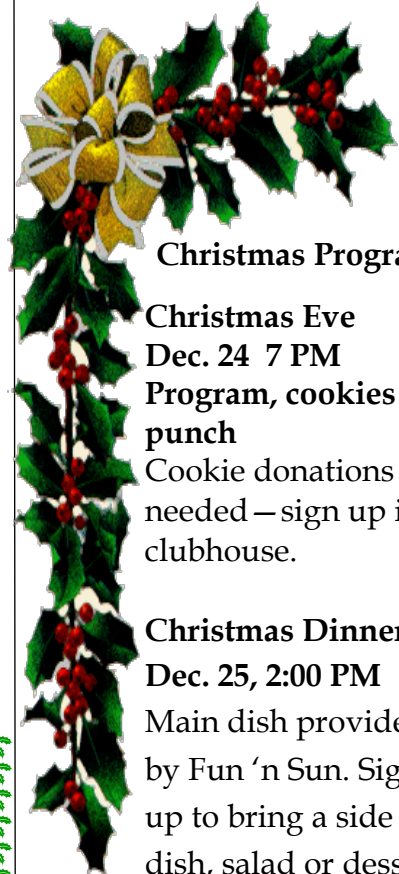
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Christmas Golf Cart Parade

**Sunday Dec. 19 2 PM**

Decorate your golf carts and come on a parade around the park! Followed by an Ice cream social.

**Monday Dec 20** Caroling and Campfire. Cookies and hot chocolate included!



## Christmas Programs

**Christmas Eve**

**Dec. 24 7 PM**

**Program, cookies & punch**

Cookie donations needed – sign up in clubhouse.

**Christmas Dinner**

**Dec. 25, 2:00 PM**

Main dish provided by Fun 'n Sun. Sign up to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

## Board Meetings

Florida SKP Resort Board meetings for 2021-2022 will be held at 9:00 A.M. on the following dates. Meetings will be held both in the clubhouse and on Zoom. If you prefer to meet on Zoom, you should make sure that the office has your preferred email address.

December 1

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

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a computer and common sense have changed that. A signed certificate of intention to be on the ballot, and a brief resume of your skills, past experiences, and intentions for the park must be submitted before January 12, 2022.

Contact any member of the **Search & Election Committee**, or talk to any **Board Member** for a certificate. Look at the Park and think about the people who helped create it: they were just like you.

Sincerely,  
SKP Resort Search & Election Committee



Happy Birthday

12/04 ..... Mari Roth  
12/05 ..... Bob Beckwith  
12/05 ..... Bob Lewis  
12/06 ..... Jim McCarthy  
12/07 ..... Mary Lou Naughton  
12/08 ..... Roger Hogan  
12/13 ..... Michael Milliard  
12/20 ..... Doug Cowham  
12/21 ..... Tammy Milliard  
12/22 ..... Lillian White  
12/27 ..... Jim Dwyer



12/04 ..... Tom & Bev Cirou  
12/07 .. Bud & Marsha Hodgkins  
12/08 ..... Bill & Kitty Ewald  
12/20 .. Jim & Barbara Bolhouse  
12/24 .... Bob & Jean Anne Hunt  
12/26 ..... Rob & Diane Beatty  
12/30 ..... Bob & Carol Ann Iles

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Deadline for submitting articles  
15th of each month

## Another Opinion on Election Message

After reading the email from the Selection and Election Committee about signing up to run for the Board, I had these thoughts, which I shared with the committee, who then invited me to send it to the newsletter:

I know the rules allow for remote participation; however, this is far from useful to the park.



Occasional use of remote Board participation is useful, but is nothing like being present. The

simplest example I can give is SkipL's presence in the park over the summer. In innumerable ways, he created a wonderful environment during a relatively tough time, creating fun times and continually solving problem situations.

Beyond regularly creating fun events he responded to all classes of individual and park crises when there was virtually no one else. This is a big job. When there was no one else here, he stepped up.

Simply, when a board member is not here, it's not possible to understand the park. The reality is that during the summer there are very few people that can or will do anything. During the year it's not a lot better. Being a Board member is not simply attending Board meetings by Zoom.

We need Board members here.

Norm Milliard (the Elder)



Memorial Service for Steve Warren on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 3401 Suwanee Street, Zolfo Springs.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*



## THE BOOK CLUB

Our December book is *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune.

This is a quick read, an unusual story, great characters, and a real feel good story.

Join us on Monday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m. right after Monday morning announcements.





## World Traveler, Fellow Escapee

We are honored to have Jim Hendrickson as our guest this season. Jim has travelled around the world and will be presenting 4 travelogues in the next few months. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend! Each of these will take place in the Clubhouse.

Jim Hendrickson is a retired Professor of Foreign Languages. He holds a BA in French Literature, an MA in Spanish Literature, and a Ph.D in Psycholinguistics. Jim has traveled in over 155 countries on all seven continents, and has published many foreign language textbooks, as well as books about his travel adventures.



### SCHEDULE

\* Friday, December 3, 2021 3:00 pm

#### Island Hopping in the Seychelles

Travel to the other side of the Earth to an island paradise like Old Hawaii of a century ago.

\* Friday, January 7, 2022 3:00 pm

#### Exploring Papua New Guinea

Discover a poor but very friendly Melanesian country, and attend the Goroka Show, the largest "sing sing" (tribal gathering) in the world.

\* Friday, January 21, 2022 3:00 pm

#### The Chernobyl Disaster

Come along on a personal visit to Chernobyl, Ukraine, the site of the

worst nuclear disaster in the history of the world.

\* Friday, February 11, 2022 3:00 pm

#### North Korea: Beyond the Bamboo Curtain

Witness the speaker's personal encounter with the "hermit kingdom" from a current political and cultural perspective.



### New Years Eve Celebration!

Ring in the New Year with SKP dancing and friends. Music provided by Lynn & Becky Lunde.

BYOB & snacks to share.  
7:00—9:00 PM

In the Clubhouse



**SKPS helping SKPS!** New stairs for Bill Oates, built by Norm Mil-liard (both elder and younger) and guest Gary Canning, with Skip LaPlante's tools. Thanks!



Help local kids have a special Christmas by supporting our

Wauchula Police Depart & County Sheriff's Explorers

## Christmas for Kids



Requested donation Walmart gift card or Cash

**Important** Note the \$ value on the card

**Donation Deadline: Friday, December 10**

Place donations in the office slot in the mailroom marked "Shop with a Cop" or "Christmas for Kids."



### BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 6

The Big Red Bus will be at SKP Resort on Monday December 6 10AM - 2PM. Sign up sheets will be available on November 22.



### MOVIES in the Clubhouse Tuesdays 7 PM

Dec. 7 Stripes  
Dec. 144 The Natural  
Dec. 21 It's A Wonderful Life  
Dec. 28 Run Away Jury  
**Popcorn or chips—50 cents**  
**Bring your own bowl**



### Wednesdays 7 PM In the Clubhouse

### Turkey Soup Lunch.



Friday, December  
10th @12 noon  
Soup, salad & dessert \$5  
Tickets are on sale  
12/26 - 1/5

### Pickle Ball!

Every Wednesday (Except  
When Board Meetings) &  
Saturday, 9:00 AM



### Shuffleboard—Every day at 1



Sunday Dec 5 Banana  
Splits \$3



Sunday Dec. 19 Ice Cream  
Cones (Waffle cones) 2.50



### Line Dancing

Lynn and Becky Lund are  
again offering free line dancing  
lessons!

10—12 in the Clubhouse, on  
December 9, 10, 14, 16, 17,  
23, 28, 30 and Jan. 4.



## Visitors Welcome!

Visitors welcome to all activities!  
Invite your neighbors!

## CRAFTS

1st and 3rd Fridays 10 AM

Dec 3 Giant Snowflake Outdoor  
Decoration. See supply list in  
Clubhouse

Dec 17 Repurposed Wine Bottle  
Make a vase or doorstop. \$3 for  
supplies. Sign up sheet & sample  
will be available after Dec 3 in  
Clubhouse.

### LUNCHES

**LEO'S (Let's Eat Out—  
Everyone Welcome!)**

**Dec. 8, 1 PM**  
Beef O'Brady's  
530 S 6th Ave Wauchula

**ROMEO'S (Men's lunch)**  
**Dec. 15, 11 AM**

Olympic Restaurant, Avon  
Park, 504 US Hwy 27 N.

**SKPettes (Women's)**  
**Dec 15 1 PM**

Jacaranda Hotel  
Avon Park

Sign up for these lunches in  
the Clubhouse. Arrange for  
carpooling or meet at the  
restaurant at the listed  
time.



### Fiber & Threads Group

An informal get together to do  
your own sewing, knitting, croch-  
et, embroidery, macrame,  
cross, stitch, etc.  
Thursdays at 2 PM in Club-  
house, starting Dec. 2.

### Remember

Breakfast and  
Announcements  
every Monday

AM! Breakfast served from 7:50  
to 8:45 AM. Announcements at  
9:00.





# Something to think about...

## Contingency Fund

Our By-Laws call for the inclusion of a Contingency Fund. The money in a Contingency Fund is like an unspecified Reserve fund. The Contingency Fund can only be used for financing critical or emergency actions by the Board of Directors for which no reserve funds are available.

The Reserve Funds exist to pay for expected future major expenditure, like equipment replacement like a new truck or major repair like repairing the roads.

A Contingency Fund is an unspecified Reserve designed to cover the cost for an unknown significant expense.

This year there have been three contingency events. First the Covid Pandemic resulted in lower earnings from Rental Income. Though this was not disastrous it could have been. Second, errors in tax filings over past years have resulted in significant proposed fines and additional unplanned tax payments. Third, was the unexpected need to hire a lawyer. Though the magnitude of these events is still undefined, the Contingency Fund would be a method of relief.

Remember our By-Laws call for a Contingency Fund. Other Escapee Parks have a Contingency Fund. We should have one as well.



## Park Attendants Phil and "Rudee" Rubeck

Phil and Rudee really weren't planning to work this winter. They had just left their jobs in South Dakota (Brrr) last month and stopped

for visits in Indiana before heading to Bushnell, Florida, when they spotted the no-

tice that the Florida SKP Resort was seeking a park attendant couple. Now they are parked on Site G-16 and sharing their experience and skills with us.

They have both brought lots of expertise to their position. At home in Lebanon, IN, Rudee worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, then at Travelers Insurance as a claims' adjuster, both auto and home, retiring from Hartford Insurance so she is very familiar with office work. Phil started his working years as a fireman then later as a paramedic before assuming patrol duties as a sheriff's deputy, retiring as a lieutenant from the Boone County, Indiana, Sheriff's Department. Phil and his partner were acknowledged in *The Journal of Emergency Medical Services* for their rescue of a young boy who was drowning in a trough under a barn floor and used cold water protocol to save the child. Phil was listed in the



1986 edition of the *Outstanding Young Men of America*, and he is a past Master of a Masonic Lodge.

Phil and Rudee grew up in Plainfield, IN and were high school sweethearts there. They have 2 children: a daughter in Jamestown, IN and a son in PA, and 4 granddaughters and a grandson.

The couple has had some crazy good times with other folks. At a rally of an organization in Madison, WI, a few years ago, they discovered that Phil wears a Size 22W tights. He was in a skit as "The Head Raisin" and Rudee was the choreographer and singing their rendition of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine". See photo.



The Rubecks sold their home in Lebanon, IN, in 2011 to work and travel fulltime in their RV. During the past 10 years, they have served as work campers, packers at Amazon, and spent 3 winters as gate guards for oil fields in Texas. Their longest stint, however, was at Crazy Horse Memorial in SD, for 8 years, starting as seasonal workers and graduating to fulltime positions. Phil was the memorial's assistant di-

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rector of visitors' services and head of security. Rudee worked in the gift shop.

Phil is hoping to meet some fellow golf enthusiasts while he is here at our park. Meanwhile, Phil and Rudee will ride their motorcycle during their free time.

Anniversary: July 22

Birthdays: Phil Sept. 8

Rudee March 7

Phones: Phil 605-440-0698

Rudee 605-440-1997

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## Holiday Happenings in the Community

There is no shortage of fun local holiday events that are open to the public. Here are a few favorites:

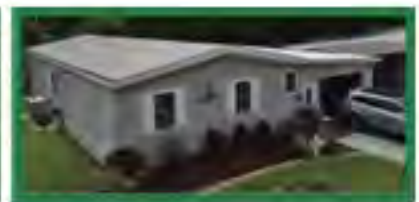
1. Barney & Nancy Miesse: A Country Christmas. **Free** concert on December 4 7 PM, at the Circle Theatre in Sebring, 202 Circle Park Drive, Sebring
2. Florida Flywheelers, Christmas in the Village. Always fun to ride through the park and see all the decorations. Admission: canned goods,



unwrapped toys, monetary donations. Dec. 10-11 and 17-18, 6-9 PM. 7000 Avon Park Cut Off Rd, Ft. Meade, FL 33841 <https://floridaflywheelers.org/events/>

3. Secret Gardens Winery and Farm Sip & Shop. Holiday Craft Fair and Concert. Browse for gifts, taste local wine, sing some carols with local musicians. 1-5 PM, Sunday, Dec. 19, 8222 West Josephine Road, Sebring, 863-414-4618

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