



The Florida SKP Resort, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873-4870

February 2022

Message from the President

Mosaic

This is what I believe - I believe our park is like a mosaic.

A mosaic is a piece of art or image made from the assemblage of small pieces or other material.

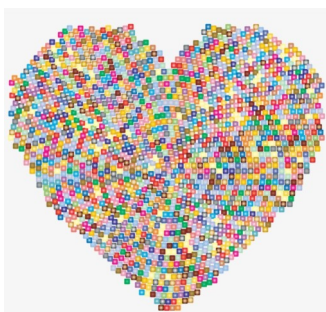
To me, our SKP resort is a mosaic where the people make up the pieces and our actions are the glue or cement that binds everything together. As people or pieces leave our Resort and new pieces come into it, our picture or image changes. Our mosaic is constantly changing and evolving. People can be so interesting on an individual level but when combined into a group, like our mosaic, they become so much more than the individual parts.

People come into our park and are amazed at what it looks like. We have all contributed to this ever changing mosaic.

I believe our park, like a mosaic, is a piece of art and what makes it so are the pieces of you and me.

This is what I believe,

Ed Landry



Annual Meeting

February 21st

9:00 AM

Founder's Hall & Virtual via Zoom

2022 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Packets for the annual meeting and election were distributed on January 17. You will find a lot of reading material inside, 63 pages worth. That's why the Search and Election committee held an instructional session to introduce the new proxies, and the Bylaws committee held a session to make the members familiar with the first 3 proposals. There are a total of 7 proposals – the last 4 from the Standing Rules Committee.

There are 5 candidates running for 4 vacancies on the Board of Directors. You will find a ballot enclosed in your packet. The candidates, in alphabetical order by last name, are Frank King, Skip LaPlante, Denny Luppens, Dick Pearce, and Skip Pratt.

For members who will not be attending the meeting in person, your votes on the proxy and on the ballot must be returned to the Secretary in time to arrive at the Florida SKP Resort on or before February 19, 2022, the Saturday before the annual meeting. It is very important that you sign your proxy and that you sign the back of the return envelope. Otherwise, your votes won't be counted.

A Town Hall meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The 5 candidates will have an opportunity to speak, and the 7 proposals will be discussed. Committee reports for 2021 are due at that time.

This year's **Annual Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Monday, February 21, 2022**, at the clubhouse and will also be offered on Zoom. Founders' Hall in the clubhouse will be open to members only, proxy holders, and kitchen crew that day. Members' entry will be through the pool patio door after 8:15 A.M. As in previous years, lunch will be prepared and served by visitors who have volunteered. Craig Lewis will be serving as Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

**Join us for the
SKP Resort's
33rd Birthday
Celebration
Sunday,
February 6th
at 2 PM**



SKP RESORT RESERVATION and CANCELLATION POLICIES

Reservations

- Reservations are accepted on all available sites except Dry Camping.
 - Reservations for the Fall/Winter 2022-2023 season will be accepted starting in April 2022 (exact date and time will be announced on the website). Reservations can be made up to the end of April of the following year.
 - The best way to make a reservation is to call (863) 735-1499 and provide the information and payment details at that time.
 - Reservations are not confirmed until the Park has received payment or credit card information.
 - A 100% deposit is required for reservations of less than thirty (30) nights. Reservations for greater than twenty-nine (29) nights require a one (1) month deposit.
- Guests may use the **Reservation Request Form** to make reservations, however, credit card information/payment will be needed to confirm the reservation. For that reason, a phone call is recommended.

Cancellations

- A full refund (minus a \$100 cancellation fee) is provided if the cancellation occurs more than twenty-nine (29) days prior to the first day of the reservation.
- A 50% refund is provided for cancellations within fifteen (15) to twenty-nine (29) days prior to the first day of the reservation.
- There is no refund for cancellations less than fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of the reservation.

NOTE: Members' sites are used as rental lots. Members may return to their sites with eight (8) days prior notice. Rental guests may be moved to another available site if the member returns.



Thank you Susan and Ron Wszalek (S-02) for hosting Coffee Hour. Many thanks to Ginny and Norm Milliard for hosting Coffee Hour for many years.

**Next Afternoon Coffee
will be held on
Tuesday, February 8th
at 3 PM**



The men's morning coffee group recently visited the American Victory ship in Tampa. This is a wonderful example of a working WW II cargo ship in working condition. Gary Wyatt organized the trip and arranged for a guide to explain the details of the ship. Group in front of the ship: Skip Pratt, John Hartman (visitor), Bob Clark, Bob Crystal, Robert Lea (visitor), Gary Wyatt, and Lou Pauly (visitor).

SKP WELCOME COMMITTEE

Back in 2014 the newly-formed Welcome Committee decided to take some action to make residents more aware of new members in the Resort. I agreed to make up some garden-type flags to place in a new member's yard the first time they came to use their new site. The flag would stay in a yard for five days or so to alert members to stop and meet or greet the new members. Then the flag would be moved to another new member's site. Six welcome flags were made.

The practice of placing the flags stopped when the Park was encouraging isolation at the beginning of COVID.



The new Welcome Committee is hoping to start the practice once again, but we need your help! Only two of the six original flags are available. We are asking everyone to check their sheds and personal spaces to see if one got tucked away for safe keeping. Any of the Welcome flags can be left with Judy Hoffman at site G-2 or just placed on the pool table inside the Clubhouse.

Thanks for your help!
Marsha Hodgkins

SKP RESORT BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, February 9th
9 AM**

It's time to get your pictures taken for the updated SKP Member I.D. Board in the Clubhouse. Appointments are being scheduled via the sign up sheets which are located in the Clubhouse. The first date that pictures are being taken is Tuesday, January 18th with time slots available from 9 AM through 10 AM.

We will come to you! You may have us step inside your home for a brief moment to take the photo or you may step outside onto your patio - whichever makes you most comfortable.

Over the next few weeks additional appointment sign up sheets for dates and time slots will be available in the Clubhouse.

Start practicing saying "cheese" and we will see you soon!
Cindy Henderson



February Special Events & Monthly Activities

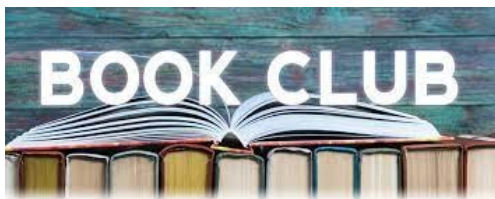


Join us for SPIRIT DAY
All Day February 7th.

Wear your signature yellow SKP Resort T-shirts to breakfast and the rest of the day!



Saturday, February 19th
9 AM - ?



February Book Club will meet on Monday, February 28 about 9:30 AM (or right after Monday announcements). We will be discussing *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. This novel is about the haenyeo, traditional women free divers in Korea who were the supporters of their families, while their husbands stayed home with the children. The story covers the period from WWII through the present day.

FUN 'N SUN
Monday, February 7th
Fun 'n Sun Meeting & Officer Elections



Blood Drive

Following the Fun 'n Sun Meeting on
February 7th.
10 AM - 2 PM



Mondays & Wednesdays
At 4 PM



The **ROMEOS** will meet at Noon on
Wednesday, February 16th at
Azul Tequila
2521 US Hwy 27 N, Sebring, FL
Non-Mexican food will be available.



The **SKPettes** will meet at 1:00 PM on
Wednesday, February 16th at
Red Lobster - Sebring



February 24th at Noon
Chili Lunch \$6

Valentine's Day
Dinner & Dance

Tuesday, February 15th
Dinner at 5:00 PM
and Dance following
\$15

Pet Parade



Sunday, February 20th at 1:30 PM



Ice Cream Social

Peanut Buster Parfaits!

Sunday, February 20th at 2:00 PM

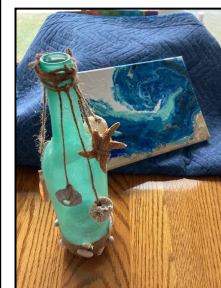
ARTS & CRAFTS

February 18th - Beach Bottles

Turn a bottle into a work of beach art.

Craft cost is \$1.00

Any bottle can be used and needs to be spray painted several days before



class. Schedule a time with Marsha (H-10) to get yours sprayed.

All crafts require sign-up; sheets are in the Clubhouse.

See the February Activities Calendar for Weekly Activities and Special Events

FROM YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

As always, we remind walkers to carry a flashlight when walking in the dark. Reflective vests and clothing are recommended too.

As we watch delivery vehicles speed through the park, our blood pressure rises a little. When a driver comes to your door with a much awaited package, be sure to thank him and put in a few gentle words reminding him/her of our 10 mph speed limit. It can't hurt and it might help.

When we drive on SR 64 we drive along with the traffic at 60 while many pass us at 65 or 70. It's when we turn into the park we need to take a deep breath, lift our foot off the gas and drive into the park at a leisurely 10 mph and slow down to enjoy our leisure.

All this is said to remind all of us that everyone plays a part in Park safety. Everyone needs to be aware of our speed as we enter and drive through our neighborhood.

We surely do enjoy a visit with our neighbors. Let's just make sure we stay safe as we visit by staying on the grass at the edge of the roads, not in the middle of the street.

Golf carts are multiplying "like rabbits" in the park. Golf carts must follow all the motor vehicle laws just as cars and trucks. That does mean drive on the correct side of the road, not down the middle.

Here are a few suggestions from the Safety Committee regarding them.

1. Golf carts should have working headlights and tail lights.
2. Golf carts should have a working signaling device (horn, bell etc.).
3. Members' Golf Cart should have a fire extinguisher attached to the cart. As of winter 2021 all park-owned carts do have them.
4. We highly recommend a rear view mirror be mounted on the golf cart.

While discussing mirrors, they add another level of safety to bicycles too. Ones that velcro on your wrist work so well in letting you see a car following you. They adjust very easily. Look for Mylops or any other adjustable rotating mirror that wraps around your wrist. You can also attach a mirror to your bike handlebars. Good ideas with the new quiet cars on our streets.



We would recommend the purchase of golf cart liability insurance as protection for members and the Park should damage/injury occur.

We would point out that the Mail Room now has a motion-detecting light that comes on as soon as the door opens. This should help members safely enter and exit the Mail Room at night and early morning.

If you have safety issues that you want addressed, or questions for your Safety/Emergency Committee please address them to the S/E Committee and we will discuss them at our meetings.

We welcome any interested members, and guests, to join the Safety Committee. Members can select this committee on the sign-up sheet in your Annual Meeting packet. Guests should watch the boards for meeting notices.

DAILY PARK ACTIVITIES

- 7 AM Table of Knowledge Coffee
- 1 PM Shuffleboard
- 2 PM Water Aerobics (self-guided)
- 7 PM Cards & Games



Many thanks go out to Jim Hendrickson for his travel talks. Jim has taken us all over the world with his photos, videos, and personal accounts of his experiences and the people he meets. On January 7th, "Experiencing Papua, New Guinea" was our destination.

On February 11th at 3 PM, Jim will present "North Korea: Beyond the Bamboo Curtain:".

February Movies & Popcorn

Join us Tuesday evenings in the Clubhouse for a Feature Movie & Popcorn 50¢

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowl!)



**February 8
Hidden Figures**

**February 22
Last Vegas**



Thank you Ejay Bill and your fabulous kitchen crew for the wonderful Fajita Lunch. Fun 'n Sun heard about what a successful lunch you had last summer and knew it was worth repeating.

