



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

March 2022

Message from the President

Greetings neighbors and friends! First order of business - thanks are due to our outgoing board members, Ed Landry and June Post. As President this past year, Ed faced some real challenges....despite the ever changing COVID situation and office staff turn-over issues, he kept the ship afloat without a serious major outbreak of COVID and the mission of office continued uninterrupted. June Post, as Secretary was always a steady, rock solid, but calm, voice of reason. She did a truly extraordinary job in keeping our records in tip top shape and ensuring the minutes of the board were accurate (along with a lot of behind the scenes work no one ever really sees). While everyone in the park knows they were both in thankless jobs, we all, none the less, need to thank them for their service to our members. And talk about fantastic work.....how about that Search and Elections Committee? Another great job by a group of unsung heroes who worked hard and produced procedures which not only complied with our governing laws, but ensured an accurate and transparent election. Thanks to them all. And last but not least, from everything I saw, the Fun n' Sun team continued at their high level of quality work. Thanks to Cathy Landry and her team as well.

Within hours of the election of officers, the new board got down to work. We are developing plans and procedures to help us make governing the park a little less frustrating and get us to where we

need to be with fewer headaches. Details will be out soon! The original intent of park management was to have committees (translates to members) develop policies that reflected the will of the majority. The duty of the board is to run the day-to-day business of the park in accordance with the policies developed by the membership. Some say we have strayed a bit off course in that respect. We hope to bring us back on course and with greater member participation and input to committee work. Again....more details to follow! As I write, we are less than 48 hours into this new administration. Diane is progressing well with her surgery rehabilitation (and thanks for the cards, prayers and good wishes). We both look forward to seeing you all in the fall! Stay healthy!

Very respectfully,
Steve Little
President



Annual Meeting: June Post, outgoing Board Secretary, Ed Landry outgoing President, and Craig Lewis, Parliamentarian

Proud to be a SKP

After not being able to have an Annual Meeting last year, the Escapees at the Florida SKP Resort had a very successful annual meeting on February 21, 2022.

As the Search and Election Committee counted the ballots, it was learned that there was a quorum, with 71 members present and 24 proxies.

Ron Wszalek led the members and proxyholders through the process of voting on proposals. The three Bylaws' proposals each passed with a generous 2/3 vote, in excess of the 84 votes required. Proposal 1 gleaned 87 Yes and 7 No. Proposal 2 had a total of 88 Yes and 6 No. And Proposal 3 passed with 90 Yes and 4 No.

Proposals 4 through 7 dealt with changes to the Standing Rules and required 64 votes, a majority of the entire membership. Proposal 4 passed with 83 Yes and 10 No. Proposal 5 was approved with 91 Yes and 3 No. Proposal 6 was accepted with 92 Yes and 2 No votes. And Proposal 7 had 90 Yes and 4 No votes.

For anyone wishing more information about the content of the proposals, the minutes of the Annual Meeting are posted on the website and in the clubhouse.

SKP RESORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President.....	Steve Little G-27
Vice President.....	Skip Pratt G-07
Secretary.....	Frank King A-15
Treasurer.....	Dave Mayo A-18
Asst. Treasurer.....	Jane Lewis A-13
At Large.....	Skip LaPlante S-06
At Large.....	Denny Luppens H-28

HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE PARK



Members who toured the Hardee Help Center are L-R Bob Crystal, Betty Brown, Anne Warren, Rose Irons, June Post and Vera Greene. Not pictured are Janet Gibson, Skip LaPlante, Kevin and Margaret McIntyre, Jay and Diane Merritt, Julie and Frank King, Judy Hoffman, and Dave Irons.

A Bell Ringer Award was presented to the SKP Resort by The Salvation Army and Hardee Help Center on February 24th. This award was in recognition of their Generous Service through The Salvation Army Christmas Effort. The Bell Ringers in Hardee County raised over \$15,000 during the 2021 Christmas season with 100% staying in our community. A few of the Bell Ringers were given a tour of Hardee Help Center and a presentation of the many ways Hardee Help Center assists the residents of Hardee County.

Do you have free time? Are you looking for ways to serve your community? HHC invites you to visit the center. Call 863-773-0034 to schedule a tour.



Search & Election Members Joan Lindstrum, Susan Wszalek, with now retired Board Secretary June Post. The smiles are both joyful, for a job well done, and relief that it's successfully over.



Miss Vera models a lovely apron during the auction



Variety Show



Dave Irons played his guitar and sang



Musical quintet lead by Dale Mahnken



Laurie Milliard, Chris Drassal, and Mary Ann Corcoran perform an entertaining skit

March Movies & Popcorn

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

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowl!)



March 1 - Double Jeopardy

March 8 - Something's Gotta Give

March 15 - Honest Thief

March 22 - déjà vu

March 29 - The Healer



**Sunday
March 13th**



The members of the Florida SKP Resort will acknowledge and honor our outgoing office manager, Theresa Jordan, with a Going Away Party. Theresa has been the park's knowledgeable and dependable office worker for 6 1/2 years during two terms since 2011. We want to shout out a big THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK to this person who has been such an asset to our park.

The **GOING AWAY PARTY** will be at the clubhouse at **3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 2, 2022**. Attendees are asked to bring a snack to share, their own beverages, and a card or note expressing their well wishes.



The SKPettes enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Red Lobster on Wednesday February 16th. Everyone enjoyed visiting with new and old friends. Thanks to Audrey Wyatt for coordinating our luncheons.

March Special Events & Monthly Activities



LEO

March 9th at 1 PM

Nicholas' Family Restaurant

**St. Patrick's Day
Dinner & Dance
March 16th at 5 PM**



\$10

Music by Rick Arnold
Purchase tickets
from Fun 'n Sun members



Monday, March 7th

Fun 'n Sun Meeting
Election of Treasurer &
Yard Sale Proposal

Farewell Happy Hour

March 18th

at 4 PM



BYOB with appetizers provided
by Fun 'n Sun



Ice Cream Social

Strawberry Sundaes!

Sunday, March 6th at 2:00 PM



The **SKPettes** will meet at 1:00 PM on
Wednesday, March 23rd at
Cowpoke's Watering Hole - Sebring



**Friday, March 4th
10 AM**

Painting Rocks with Anita

Be a part of the latest craze and paint
rocks to be left, then found, or keep
them for your own.

Craft cost is \$2 for materials.

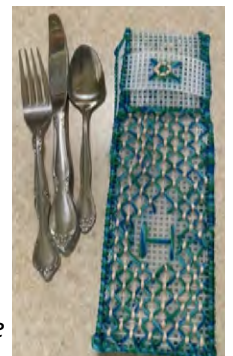


**Friday, March 18th
10 AM**

Silverware Carry Case

Make a Silverware
Carry Case to tote
your silverware to
all the potluck
dinners.

Craft cost is \$2 for
materials.



Sign-up sheets are
in the Clubhouse.



March 12th at 7 PM

Nickels & Left, Right, Center

FREE LUNCH!

March 25th at 12 PM



Choice of Ham & Bean
Soup or Split Pea Soup

Sign up sheet in the
Clubhouse



Brownie Sundaes!

Sunday, March 20th at 2 PM

DAILY PARK ACTIVITIES

7 AM Table of Knowledge Coffee

1 PM Shuffleboard

2 PM Water Aerobics (self-guided)

7 PM Cards & Games

See the March Activities Calendar for Weekly Activities and Special Events

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Tom and Pamela Knudsen
G-14

Just so you know, the “K” in Knudsen is NOT silent and the “U” is pronounced like OO. Tom brought the Knudsen name with him from his native country of Norway when he immigrated to the United States in 1986. Well, actually, he had visited the USA a few times in the mid-1970’s, but this time he intended to move to Florida because he never wanted to see snow again in his lifetime. That intention got delayed by 30+ years because he stopped in New Jersey to visit his sister and friends, and one thing led to another, and, well, you know how that goes. But, as of November, Tom and Pam are new members on Site G-14, which is now HOME.

Let’s back up a little. Tom worked as a mechanic on the Norwegian Railroad. After immigrating to the United States, he worked for the state of New Jersey and retired after 33 years of service. Pam worked in banking for almost 30 years, becoming vice-president of branch operations until the bank was sold. As single adults, they lived only 5 minutes away from each other but made their connection through a dating site. Their first date was at an Outback which was almost empty because it was the coldest day of that year in NJ. The couple married on January 29, 2006, and they recently celebrated their 16th anniversary in St. Augustine on the coldest day of this year in Florida.

Pam and Tom sold their home in 2015 to go fulltime RVing.

Their RV travels took them to most states in the eastern United States with winters usually spent on a lot at Bushnell. Occasionally, they would fly west for a “vacation”. But they now consider their lot at the Florida SKP Resort as their permanent home. They plan to take some jaunts, however, in their truck camper.

Recently, Tom and Pam noticed tunnels in their yard and assumed that they must have a mole. So they Googled “how to get rid of moles”. They were instructed to use apple cider vinegar on a cotton ball and to apply it to the mole with a bandage. Does anyone have a better suggestion?

Pam’s hobby is quilting and sewing; Tom’s hobby has been “fixing things”, i.e., building boats, houses, flipping houses. They have been warned that their skills will make them popular in this park. They both enjoy walking, bicycling, and traveling. As members of Escapees, Encore, and Thousand Trails, they especially enjoy running into other RVers along the way. You’re welcome to stop in at G-14 and become some of their new friends.



Diane and Andy Hitzel
H-29

Welcome Diane and Andy Hitzel to H-29 in our SKP Resort. They got their lot last year but were unable to be with us until this season. They are from Pottsville, PA (home of Yuengling beer). The Hitzels grew and worked in Pennsylvania.

They have two daughters. One lives in Delaware and the other in Washington. The Hitzels have been married for 34 years. Andy worked as a Research Technician for Honeywell before retiring in 1999. Diane also worked for Honeywell as a Quality Assurance Manager. She retired twice, 2007 and 2018.

Andy is a Veteran and enjoys going to the American Legion and Moose. He is a Ham Radio operator. Hobbies include photography and travel. He has a mechanical background.

Diane has many managerial skills including computers and management training. Her hobbies include beading, sewing, and glass art.

They have been RVing for a while and like many, they have had several RV’s. They’re current RV is a Nexus Wraith 32ft which they have had just a few weeks.

They have two cats that travel with them, Dusty and Bella.

Diane and Andy love meeting SKP members all over the US. They tell the following story. While camping in Alaska, someone knocked heavily on their door and said, “Are there any SKP’s in there”? Well, this gentleman was living the Caring and Sharing philosophy we all know and love. He gathered all the SKP’s in that campground and treated them to Halibut fry and sent them away with 7 lbs. of Halibut. They became close friends and still spend time together camping. Coincidentally, this new friend had the same birthday and birth year as Andy.

We extend a warm SKP Resort welcome to Diane and Andy. Thank you for choosing our park.

**Afternoon Coffee will
be held on
Tuesday, March 3rd
at 3 PM
at site S-02**

