



Cracker Crumbs

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Message From the President

While I was about 4500 miles away in the lead up to and aftermath of Hurricane Ian, the board kept me in the loop on the status of the park. I also saw Norm the Elder's Facebook post praising the founding members for their foresight in locating and engineering the park, as well thanking the current members who worked to ensure the safety of our members and do whatever they could to minimize damage. I add my sincere praise and thanks as well. It was great to hear we had relatively minor damage and no injuries, and even more heartening to hear how people pitched in to help one another.

While some of us have differences with each other at times, it is when times are troubled and everyone forgets the past and helps one another that shows the true spirit of the park!

It makes me feel good to be part of this wonderful community. I hope you all feel the same.

Looking forward to returning to the USA soon and even more so, to the park in November.

Very Respectfully,
Steve Little
President

**SKP RESORT
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Saturday
9:00 Am - 4:00 PM
(closed for lunch 12 PM-1PM)

Sunday
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**November 7
2:00 AM**



BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Steve Little - G-27.....President
- Skip Pratt - G-07.....Vice President
- Marsha Hodgkins - H-10.....Secretary
- Dave Mayo - A-18.....Treasurer
- Jane Lewis - A-13.....Asst. Treasurer
- Skip LaPlate - S-06.....At Large
- Denny Lupens - H-28.....At Large

**SKP RESORT
BOARD MEETING
November 16th
9 AM**

Annual Tree Trimming



We are going to have the same people who did such an excellent job trimming the Park trees for the past two years come again this year. They are tentatively scheduled to start in early to mid-November, and they will be trimming both the street trees and the private trees at the same time. We are having them come early before very many members and visitors are in the park.

If you have a tree on your lot that needs trimming, please contact **Paul Zeller H-32** by **October 31, 2002**, either in person or by office mail if you're in the park or at **paul.zeller1@gmail.com**.

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

Craft Classes will be held on the first and third Fridays of each month. Samples of the projects of the upcoming classes will be available at the Monday morning breakfast that week.

Some great classes are planned this season including the following for November:

November 4th - Recycled Jar to a Vase

Bring a clean recycled glass jar of your choosing (jelly jar, peanut butter jar, pickle jar). We will turn it into a pleasing shelf piece for holding whatever you choose. Lovely paper napkins and Mod Podge will be our crafting materials. You provide the jar; I have the rest. Watch for samples! No charge.

November 18th - Flower Garden Art

We will create a lovely painted flower garden on a canvas using acrylic paints and a NO-FAIL process to make a garden you'll want to hang anywhere! No art background is needed. Watch for samples in the coming weeks. Cost \$2.

Crafting items needed for future classes: empty plastic laundry soap bottles, large metal coffee cans, plastic hangers, and new wine glasses (1-4).

I hope you'll join us through the season as we craft our way to spring!

Marsha Hodgkins
H-10



Welcome back everyone! I hope all of you snowbirds had a wonderful summer visiting friends and family and traveling to new places. It looked like our SKP summer residents had a lot of fun activities to keep them busy. As a family, we are all grateful that our "Shangri-la" fared well after Ian passed by with minimal damage. The Fun 'n Sun Committee has the November calendar planned to kick off the season. "It takes a village" and I am happy to say that many new people have stepped up to handle the many jobs that needed to be filled. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me. We all look forward to a fun filled season with many activities to choose from.

Cathy Landry
Fun 'n Sun President



What's Happening This Month?



Veteran's Day **Friday, November 11th at 2 PM**

Help us celebrate our veterans with a golf cart parade followed by patriotic ice cream sundaes.



POTLUCK SUPPER **Saturday, November 12 at 5 PM**

Bring your favorite salad, main dishes, and desserts to share. Don't forget to bring your table place settings & drinks!
Signup in the Clubhouse.

Oreo Sundae
November 6th at 2 PM
Cost \$2.50

Chocolate Chip Sundae
November 20th at 2 PM
Cost \$2.50

Trivia Night
Saturday,
November 19th
7:00 PM

Makers & Bakers Fair
Saturday,
November 26th
9 AM - 1 PM
Founder's Hall

Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!
First Monday Each Month

Wear your yellow SKP Resort t-shirts to breakfast, the Fun 'n Sun meeting and throughout the rest of the day.

T-shirts will be available if you need to purchase one.

Thanksgiving Dinner **November 24th** **1:00 PM**

Turkey, stuffing, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share (salads, vegetables, desserts).
Don't forget to bring your own place settings & drinks!
A signup sheet will be available soon.



DAILY ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table of
Knowledge
7:00 AM



Shuffleboard 9:00 AM



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM



Cards & Games
7:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR
Every Monday &
Wednesday
4:00 PM
Beginning November 21st

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

FUN IN SUN

Meeting
First Monday of Every
Month 9 AM



Mexican Train
Every Tuesday
1:00 PM
(begins Nov. 15th)



Sewing Group
Every Wednesday
10:00 AM



Wine B4 You Dine
Thursdays
4:00 PM

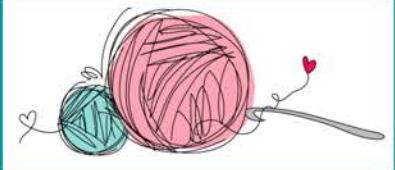
Monday Morning
Breakfast
7:50 - 9:00 AM



Featuring McDolan Breakfast
Sandwiches, Bran Muffins,
Eggs made to order,
Sausage, Bacon, Ham, Home
Fries, Toast, Coffee & More!

Pickleball

Wednesdays
&
Saturdays
9:00 AM



Fiber & Threads
Every Thursday
2:00 PM

ARTS & CRAFTS

First & Third Fridays
Every Month
10:00 AM

Tuesday is Move Night!

Movies begin at 7 PM

50¢ for popcorn (bring your own bowl!)

Nov. 1st - Magan Leavy
Nov. 8th - The Marksman
Nov. 15th - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
Nov. 22nd - Places in the Heart
Nov. 29th - Top Gun Maverick



SK Pettes

November 16th
12:00 PM
Homer's in Sebring



Lot A-41 Cashman Park Model

Hurricane Ian
by Marsha Hodgkins

It began early on the morning of Wednesday, Sept 28th when the sheriff came through to initiate a mandatory evacuation of all RVers. By 8:00 a.m. we had joined approximately 16 other members in the Founder's Hall.

There were enough pool loungers stacked in the clubhouse so that all but two had one. One slept in a recliner dragged from the library and one slept on some of the cushions from pool chairs. Most brought flashlights, food, and water, plus their phones and tablets. During the day Wednesday, people followed the path of Ian on the large TV, some played card games, some read and some put together puzzles. That all came to a halt when the power went out at about 7 p.m.

Just before we lost power, we discovered that water was seeping in under the doors in the kitchen, library, hall to the back office, and the pool entrance. This happened because the groundwater level was rising above the bottom of the building. We stuffed towels there and that kept the water from going further. The wind was blowing and driving rain everywhere by this time. I checked the front and back office areas several times throughout the night relieved to find them perfectly dry. We did find that the wind was forcing rain into the attic vent areas at both ends of the building resulting in wet ceiling tiles. Tiles in the kitchen kept dropping onto the kitchen floor all night.

The eye of the storm was over Wauchula for at least two hours, a very slow-moving hurricane, accounting for the severe damage most of southern Florida has. We have our Founders to thank for the park being on a higher ground than those campgrounds right around us that were completely underwater.

Around daylight, Bud Hodgkins and Danny Lindstrom went to get the generators out. One was set up for the kitchen refrigeration, one for the wells, and one for the lift station. Thursday through Monday (Bud, Danny, and Skip Pratt) kept the generators in operation. We were never without water or sewer throughout the entire period before electricity returned. Power was returned for some on Saturday night and the rest of the park on Sunday.

Danny, Sue Mannery, Cathy and Gary Canning along with our Park Attendants, Robin and Dave, offered meals during and after the hurricane.

Danny, Bud, and I went out early on Thursday morning to make a cursory tour of the Park. We were relieved to see every RV and Park Model standing. Some had obvious damage but others appeared fine. Only on further investigation was it discovered that a number of RVs had some water that was blown in under the slides or around the windows and several park models had some roof damage and water inside. The Cashman park model received the worst damage. The Florida room separated from the park model and blew around the park. Luckily no other unit was that severely damaged by that flying debris.

In the days that followed, friends helped friends by checking into the units of those not here. Volunteers picked up debris mostly from palm trees but also bits and pieces of other things. Many of the white lot posts were lifted and laid down on the grass during the storm. A few trees went down but didn't cause any damage. Everything has been cleaned up and the park looks great.

We have much to be grateful for as you will see when you come into the area. We came through relatively unscathed compared to those surrounding our park. We withstood the storm so well. Please remember that every hurricane is different, has a different path, a different force, and we need to make sure we are prepared for it.



Palm tree down on Lot H-40



State Road 64 E beyond US 17 in Zolfo Springs

PLEASE NOTE: The Clubhouse Founders' Hall IS NOT engineered as a hurricane-proof shelter. Therefore the Resort can not assume responsibility for members using it as such.



FL SKP Resort Escapade Attendees



Happy Hour for the SKP Resort Escapade Attendees

Escapade 2022 by Rose Irons

The 61st Escapade was held June 19-24, 2022 in Lebanon, Tennessee. After looking forward to the time in the Tennessee mountains (i.e. cooler weather), the temperature was over 100 degrees every day that week. We were very thankful for the great air-conditioned facilities at the Wilson County Fair Grounds.

Dave and I represented the Florida Escapees Chapter 57 Sun Gators on "The Row". This was a great opportunity to network with other Escapee chapters across the U.S. We signed up eight new members to Chapter 57.

The SKP Resort was well represented at the Escapade. We all enjoyed our learning experiences, the market, concerts, dancing, and of course, food. It was a great week with friends from our park and for making many new ones.



Dave & Rose Irons



Lynn & Becky Lunde

Chapter 57 Monthly Luncheon

First Thursday of Each Month
November - April
11:00 AM
Golden Corral
6855 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL
Next Luncheon - November 3rd

Chapter 57 FALL RALLY

November 6-10, 2022
Paradise Oaks RV Resort
4628 CR 475
Bushnell, FL 33513
Reservations: 352-793-1823
Be sure to mention SKP
Chapter 57 Rally



March 19-24, 2023
Pima County Fairgrounds
Tucson, AZ
Registration is open!
Chapter ROW reps needed!