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Message From the President

The park is slowly filling up with members returning and guests discovering the beauty we offer. I have heard visitors raving about the beauty of the park, especially the green spaces and how well the park is maintained. Thank you Tomasa, Jeff, and Dave for a job well done.

The Ad Hoc Committee appointed to review our reserve funding gave a park-wide briefing on their findings on 28 November. Their work included coordination with the Finance Committee and consultation with our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The combined efforts showed that heretofore, the reserve accounts were severely underfunded. The entire team put in a tremendous amount of time and effort and produced a quality plan to ensure that our reserve accounts will properly serve us for years to come, thus avoiding unplanned financial assessments. The team members should all be thanked for their hard work and a job well done.

All committees working on items which may result in a proposal for the annual meeting are reminded to submit them to the Board Secretary by 30 December.

As a reminder, on December 6, there will be an informational meeting hosted by our Treasurer's Office (Dave and Jane) where we will get a chance to hear from our outside accountant who will also take questions from the members. Topics will include our overall financial status, or standing with the IRS on prior year taxes, as well as internal controls put in place to ensure the integrity of our finances.

For those of you not yet in the park - safe travels. For those of you we will not see until after the holidays - enjoy your holidays and then come on down.....the weather is beautiful!

Steve Little
President



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 Financial Update and Meet Our CPA
December 6 at 10 AM**

**SKP Resort Board Meeting
December 14th at 9 AM**



Sharing Our Love of Music Mike & Rosie Sinclair

Some of you will know us through our occasional visits to the Resort since we first joined the SKP's in 2000. It has taken us a while, but we have finally joined you as members. A15 is where we will park ourselves and our little PleasureWay from December 1 through the end of February. As always, we bring with us our love of music and our ukuleles. We would like to share our passion with you.

On Monday, December 5th from 2 PM until 4 PM we will lead the first of our weekly ukulele classes. All levels are welcome and we hope that more experienced players will help and inspire our beginners. The ukulele has given much joy to budding musicians worldwide, especially those who "never did get around to playing an instrument while I was young". Before you buy, we have ukes that we are happy to show you. Please stop by for a chat and try out.

If you are planning to join us and you use technology, we can send a link to songs in advance (we won't be playing them all this season though). Please email us at ukeforfun@aol.com.



You might also wish to come to our new weekly music jam. We will start on Friday, December 9th at 3 PM for one and a half hours. Come with a short list of songs that you can lead, we will sit in a circle and each take a turn. The rest of us will join in according to our musical talents. If you wish, you can hand out chord sheets to the group. No pressure, just a group of friends sharing music (we had never played blue grass until we joined SKP jams at various parks). Do call us or see us if you have any questions. Acoustic instruments only please. No electronics or amplifiers.



Veterans Day Golf Cart Parade

On November 11th the SKP Resort celebrated Veterans Day with a golf cart parade.

The Grand Marshall was Kenny Breault who led the parade of seven carts, two scooters, and a drone. Many spectators watched the parade and showed their support. The parade traveled all the roads throughout the park and ended at the Clubhouse where Deb Mowers and the kitchen crew served patriotic ice cream sundaes of "Red, White, and Blueberry."



Grand Marshall Kenny Breault "Captain Kenny" prepares parade transportation for him and his wife Lanette.



Bob Lewis & Anne Waren



Tom & Ejay Bill and Dave & Delores Mayo



Rose & Dave Irons



Bud & Marsha Hodgkins

What's Happening This Month?

Poker Run

December 4th
1 PM



Let's Eat Out

December 7th - 1 PM
Deep South Bar & Grill
3750 US Hwy 27 N
Ste 2A
Sebring, FL. 33870



December 4th
and
December 18th
at 2 PM
Cost \$2.50



Card Bingo
Saturday,
December 10th
7 PM

December 5th
10 AM - 2 PM



SKPettes

December 14th
12:00 PM
Jacaranda Hotel
in Avon Park



Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!

First Monday Each Month
December 5th

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.

Bonfire, Hot Chocolate, S'mores & Caroling

December 15th
6:30 PM



FREE Breakfast
sponsored by SkyMed
December 19th
7:45 AM - 8:45 AM

ROMEOS

December 14th
12:00 PM
Java Cafe



December 30th
h'orderves at 6 PM
Yankee Swap at 7 PM



Christmas
Eve Program
December 24
7 PM

Christmas Dinner

December 25th

1:00 PM

Ham, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share (salads, vegetables, desserts).

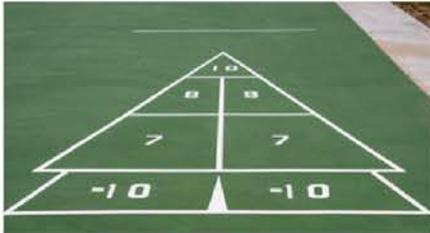
Don't forget to bring your own place settings & drinks!

Signup sheet located in the Clubhouse.



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

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

FUN N SUN

Meeting
First Monday of Every
Month 9 AM

ARTS & CRAFTS

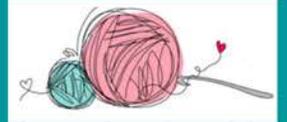
First & Third Fridays
Every Month
10:00 AM



Music Jam Session
Fridays
3:00 PM



Sewing Group
Every Wednesday
10:00 AM



Fiber & Threads
Every Thursday
2:00 PM



Ukulele Lessons
Mondays
2:00 PM



Mexican Train
Every Tuesday
1:00 PM

BINGO
Wednesdays
7:00 PM



Pickleball

Tuesdays
&
Thursdays
9:00 AM



Gentle
Exercises
Tuesdays &
Thursdays
8:00 AM



Tuesday is Movie Night!

Movies begin at 7 PM
50¢ for popcorn (bring your own bowl!)



Dec. 6th - USS Indianapolis
Dec. 13th - Captain Phillips
Dec. 20th - A Christmas Story
Dec. 25th - It's a Wonderful Life
Dec. 27th - 12 Strong

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

We Welcome Your Commitment

I'm home, here in Buffalo. My home isn't on wheels, nor a changeable address. It has a basement, an upper floor or two, and more stairs than you'll find in any typical structure in the Resort. But I share with you all my love for the Park: the sun and warm breezes, the layout of roads, and the palms that grace them; the variety of living spaces that dot each lane, and, most of all, the people that inhabit each one.

There's the Park as Land and the Park as people. The physical Park has grass and buildings, concrete and pavement, plumbing, and wire, as well as committees of folks to attend to their physical needs and maintenance. The other part of the Park is a legal fiction. The Company-Florida SKP Resort - represents the ideas and commitments of the people who sustain the ideal of the Resort/ Park.

These people attend to the care of the company by meeting together, addressing challenges, and the continuity of the physical Park. They establish the "everyday" of the Park.

By rule, there are seven people that are required to oversee the ongoing idea of our Park as a company. They do the legal, financial, and obligatory things of the company.

Like my hometown's lake effect storms, the annual need for Board members comes as an event that requires the Park to step up to the challenge. This year, four (4) people are required to fill slots to shepherd this Resort. Motivated folks should submit to the Board Secretary, before January 6, 2023, a commitment and a brief thumbnail sketch of themselves and their intentions for running.

We encourage all of you to embrace the elements of your 'skill set' that has made you who you are! Then realize that those skills are needed to keep this place on an even keel, and running as well as it has, or better.

People think that the Search part of the S&E committee finds and delivers candidates to run for the Board. The truth is, they self-appoint, and deliver themselves. They are good folks that feel the need to serve and be of use in their retirement. We welcome your commitment.

Ron Wszalek
Search and Election Committee Chairman

ARTS & CRAFTS

December 9th
No Sew
Quilted Ornaments
Craft with Pam and Robin
Cost TBD



December 16th
Trio of Ornaments
Make one or make all!
Craft with Anita and
Marsha. Cost \$2



Mashed potatoes anyone? The Kitchen Crew preparing Thanksgiving Dinner



Thanksgiving Dinner at the Resort



Meet New Members

Lewis and Dianna Hinson

You know that a new season has started in the Florida SKP Resort when the first new members acquire their sites in the park. As you travel down Leisure Lane, be sure to notice the green "WELCOME" yard flag on Site H-14, which marks the new home of LEWIS and DIANNA HINSON. You will need to pay attention, though, because Lewis and Dianna are currently in the park on weekends only. For a while, they are working and living in another RV in Palmetto, FL while they do some seasonal work.

Lewis and Dianna spent their childhoods and working years in Michigan. They met while attending a small college in that state. Lewis was drafted into the army in 1968 and served 14 months in Korea, returning to Ft. Bragg, NC.

Lewis (actually, Howard Lewis Hinson) became a licensed electrician, retiring from Hutzel Hospital (now Detroit Medical Center) in Detroit, MI. Dianna had intended, initially, to become a teacher like her older sister, Lillian Ball, but later changed her mind and returned to business school. She developed her own business doing bookkeeping and accounting for businesses in their area. Dianna had realized that teaching would have required being a strict disciplinarian. She told a funny story about meeting one of her sister's former students in an Anchorage church during their travels in Alaska. That 40-year-old adult was still terrified of his former high school teacher, Dianna's sister, Lillian. Dianna, on the other hand, still uses her bookkeeping skills to work seasonally for H & R Block while Lewis does some seasonal work in Palmetto. Dianna is also experienced in sign language, a skill that she developed from meeting hearing-impaired people in her life over the years.

Both were raised in large families: Lewis was the oldest of 5 brothers and 5 sisters; Dianna grew up in a blended family of 10 children. However, the couple kept it small, raising 2 sons of their own, and they now have 4 grandchildren.

The Hinsons resided in Sterling Heights, Michigan before selling their home and becoming fulltime RVers in 2003. Both are avid readers. Now that they have a site in the park, Lewis would like to pursue an interest in learning and creating stained glass, and Dianna plans to plant lots of flowers. They will continue to use their smaller (26') trailer that is currently on Site H-14 for traveling and will eventually bring their larger trailer from Palmetto to the Florida SKP Resort as their home here.

Birthdays: Lewis 12/12; Dianna 3/30

Anniversary: 5/17

Phones: Lewis 269-352-5065; Dianna 586-871-0517

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62nd Escapade
Tucson, AZ ESCAPEESK/Club
March 19-24, 2023
Pima County Fairgrounds
Tucson, AZ
Registration is open!
Chapter ROW reps needed!

**Chapter 57
Monthly Luncheon**
First Thursday of
Each Month
November - April
11:00 AM
Golden Corral
6855 Gall Blvd.,
Zephyrhills, FL



Whine B4 You Dine attendees were treated to a special music performance by members Dave Irons and Vera Greene.

Whine B4 You Dine meets every Thursday at 4 PM.

**Chapter 57
Spring Rally**
April 10-14, 2023
Cypress Campground
& RV Resort
7400 Cypress
Gardens Blvd.
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Hostess: Rose Irons

*Further details
coming soon!*