



Cracker Crumbs

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Message From the President

Welcome 2023, and may the year be good to all of us! Many thanks to all those who put so much effort into the park again this year.... fixing what needs fixing, to beautifying the park, to making great meals and activities and those who under the radar do a lot of little things to help the park and their neighbors.

As many of you know, my mother in law, Lydia LeMaistre on A-2 is an original member. She is turning in her membership this year. While getting things in order, Diane and I came across some interesting documents.....to include four of the five original cancelled \$1,000 checks Lydia and Al paid as the original buy-in payments back in 1987 and 1988! Also an invoice for membership dues for the period March, 1991 to February, 1992. Total membership dues for that year were \$425 (and they got a \$113 rental pool credit)! The real prize find was a May 12, 1988, letter from Chilton Hurst, Treasurer and Acting Secretary acknowledging Al and Lydia's final \$1,000 payment. An excerpt from the letter reads:

"At the present time, we have 125 members (237 people) from

more than 30 states and Canada. (We don't know for sure the exact number of states represented since there are so many mail forwarding services). We have 13 singles almost evenly divided. Think about this, we probably have 15,000 years of experience from Special Kinds of People, people dedicated to sharing knowledge, skills, talents and pleasure toward common goals. This is an unbelievable resource",

I was curious about the 15,000 years of experience. My guess is this.....15,000 divided by 237 equals 62.29. That was probably the average age of the original members when the park was built. Seems about right to me.

I thought this letter was worth sharing not only as an interesting tidbit but it does an excellent job of laying out the credo of the founding members "dedicated.....to a common goal."

Great words to live by.

Again, wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2023!

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 LaPlante - S-06.....At Large
- Denny Lupens - H-28.....At Large

**SKP Resort Board Meeting
January 11th at 9 AM**

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

Seeking content for future Cracker Crumbs issues!

Please submit articles and photos to be included in the next issue of the Cracker Crumbs by the 20th of each month to SKPDiane@gmail.com.



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?

Then we encourage you to search within yourself for some of those exact qualities by answering the question: "If not you, then who should help lead the Resort towards more years?"

This year, we need a minimum of four candidates to stand for election to fill the upcoming vacancies. We would encourage more than four to run in an effort to give the park members 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 to run. A candidate's presence during the business period of the Resort is preferred, but is not a requirement for running; 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 Resort must be submitted to the secretary before January 10, 2023.

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

Sincerely,
SKP Resort Search & Election Committee

Annual Packets will be available for pick up after breakfast on Monday, January 16th. Packets for members not in the Park will be mailed that same day. Please be sure the office has the BEST mailing address for you.

December's Christmas Caroling Campfire by Ejay Bill

Last year we made a change in one of the Christmas traditions here at SKP Resort by having Christmas caroling around the campfire. It went over so well that Fun 'n Sun was going to do it again this year. Mother nature had other plans though, so we moved the event indoors.

Thanks to Skip LaPlante who found a campfire screen we played on the TV for ambiance and followed through with Hot Chocolate and Peppermint schnapps as planned. Debbie Mowers and her kitchen staff did not let us down either. Debbie found a way to prepare smores in the oven. They turned out just as warm and gooey as if we had done them on an open fire.

About 60 SKP members and guests participated in our Caroling tradition singing Christmas carols led by Dale Manhken and Kenny Breault.

Even though there was disappointment in not having a real campfire everyone had a great time and we are all looking forward to scheduling an outdoor campfire sometime soon.



Card Bingo by Ejay Bill

Last month's card bingo had a good night with 44 players showing up. The first round of nickels was a whopping \$2.20 and was divided 3 ways. However the rest of the evening went very well with only one other bingo pot being split. Tom Bill, the caller, with his usual cheerful and comic style kept the game moving right along.

Dale Mahnken, after heckling the caller all night about how Tom was not calling her cards, wound up being the winner of the last round. She won \$44.00! All in all as usual we had a lot of fun.



Our 91-year-old member, Jim Dwyer, is moving to assisted living.

If you would like to send him a card or note, here's his address:

Fellowship Home, C204,
5959 Sun 'n Lake Blvd.,
Sebring, FL 33872

What's Happening This Month?

Signup sheets and more info about activities can be found in the Clubhouse



Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!
First Monday Each Month
January 2nd at 9 AM

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.



January 4th
at 1 PM
Market 27
2951 US-27 N
Avon Park



Tell Your Story
Tuesday,
January 11th & 25th
2:30 PM



Chair Volleyball
Friday,
January 27th
2 PM



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

January 8th
and
January 22nd
at 2 PM
Cost \$2.50



**Baked Potato Lunch
& Ukulele Show**

Friday, January 13th
at Noon



**Campfire & Weiner
Roast**



Thursday,
January 19
6:30 PM



January 18th
12:00 PM
Azul Tequila
2521 US Hwy 27 N,
Sebring, FL 33870

ROMEOS

January 18th
12:00 PM
Cowpokes
Watering Hole
6813 US Hwy 27 S
Sebring, FL 33876



**GAME
NIGHT**
Thursday,
January 26th at 7 PM

Auction

Saturday,
January 28th
2 PM



January 22nd - 29th



**Shuffleboard &
Cornhole
Tournaments**
Friday,
January 27th
at 9 AM



**Join us for Guest
Speakers after Breakfast!**

Monday, January 16th
Advent Health

Monday, January 23rd
Barney Cherry - Discussion
about Florida Oranges

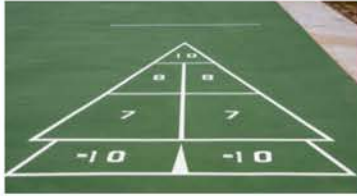
BIG BINGO!

Sunday,
January 29th
7 PM



DAILY ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table of Knowledge
7:00 AM



Shuffleboard 1:00 PM



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM



Cards & Games
7:00 PM

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

ARTS & CRAFTS

January 6th
Scandinavian Weaving
Weaving can be used as decoration or as a mending technique. Provide an article of clothing or fabric swatch (no stretch material).
Weave with Lanette Breault
Cost \$3



December 16th
Beaded Bracelets
All materials provided
Craft with Rosie Sinclair
Cost \$2

BINGO
Wednesdays
7:00 PM



Pickleball

Tuesdays
&
Thursdays
9:00 AM



Ukulele Lessons
Mondays 2 PM



Monday Morning Breakfast
7:45 - 8:45 AM



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



Music Jam Session
Fridays
3:00 PM



Fiber & Threads
Every Thursday
2:00 PM



Mexican Train
Every Tuesday
1:00 PM

Gentle Exercises
Tuesdays &
Thursdays
8:00 AM



Time to stretch

HAPPY HOUR

Every Monday &
Wednesday
4:00 PM



Wine B4 Dine
Thursdays
4:00 PM

Chapter 57 Monthly Luncheon

First Thursday
November - April
11:00 AM
Golden Corral
6855 Gall Blvd.,
Zephyrhills, FL

62nd Escapade
Tucson, AZ ESCAPEES & CLUB

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

Tuesday is Movie Night!

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



January 3rd - The Best of Me
January 10th - Prisoners
January 17th - Dolphin Tale 2
January 24th - State of Play
January 31st - Tucker

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!