



# Cracker Crumbs

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## Message From the President

As we start to approach the end of this season (for the snowbirds anyway), we can look back on some good progress. Thanks to hard work by many, we have managed to accomplish several important milestones: Our reserve accounts now have a plan moving forward to help us avoid an ugly financial surprise down the road; the passage of the lot transfer revaluation proposal helps fund reserve accounts while allowing members to recoup those funds as opposed to a non-recoverable membership fee increase; we have funding and authority to move forward with renovations on the clubhouse bathrooms as well as energy saving replacement windows and lastly, we will be seeking a permit to upgrade our overflow sites.

So.....thanks to all who were involved in seeing these milestones accomplished!

President  
Steve Little, President



First row, L to R: Susan Wszalek, Tamara Milliard (V-P), Cathy Landry (Pres.), June Post (Sec't), Pam Knudsen (Treas.), Diane Adler (Vol. Coordinator)

Second row, L to R: Julie Wold, Deb Mower, Lanette Breault, Rose Irons, Dolores Mayo, Anita Saba



2023-2024  
Committee



## BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Denny Lupens - H-28.....At Large

**SKP Resort Board Meeting**  
**March 8th at 9 AM**  
**and**  
**April 12th at 9 AM**

**SKP RESORT FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
**NEW DATE!!!**  
**Thursday, March 23rd at 10 AM**  
**in the Clubhouse and via Zoom**

### 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**

## Scenes from Cracker Capers



Chair Volleyball



Shuffleboard Tournament



Cornhole Tournament

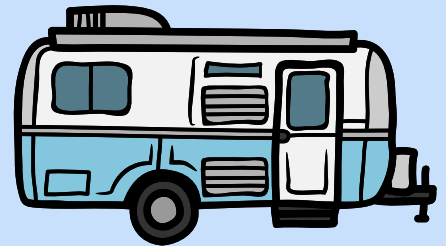
### ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Did you know the current **Site Exchange List** is now available on the website under the *Members Only* dropdown menu?

We encourage all members to review their current requests and submit a **Site Exchange Request** form if any changes are needed.

**Thank You!**

Wait List Committee



### Chapter 57 Spring Rally

April 10-14, 2023

Cypress Campground  
& RV Resort

7400 Cypress Gardens Blvd.,  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Hosts: Rose Irons & Marilyn Forbes  
Call RV Park at

(863) 324-7400 for reservations.

Be sure to say it's for

**Escapee 57 Rally!**



March 19-24, 2023

Pima County Fairgrounds  
Tucson, AZ

Registration is open!  
Chapter ROW reps  
needed!

# 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  
April 3rd  
Fun 'n Sun Meeting 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.*



March 1st  
at 1 PM  
Sunset Grill  
Sebring

March 8th and 22nd  
2:30 PM

Tell your story...



## Golf Cart Races



March 19th  
2 PM



March 15th  
12:00 PM  
Oscar's  
Sebring, FL

## ROMEOS

March 15th  
12:00 PM  
The Diving Girl Diner  
21 West Main St  
Avon Park

Sunday, March 12th  
Chair

## VOLLEYBALL



1:30 PM

followed by

Ice Cream Social at 3 PM

## LUAU DINNER

PIG ROAST AT 5 PM

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC  
AND DANCING  
FROM 6:30-9:30

MARCH 13, 2023



Vegetarian Potluck Dinner  
March 23rd at 5 PM

## ARTS & CRAFTS

March 17th create  
Glow in the Dark Painted Rocks



## Ice Cream Social

Sunday,  
March 26th  
2 PM



Check out the Herb Garden!  
Feel free to pick all the herbs  
you need. The Herb Garden is  
available for all - visitors and  
members!



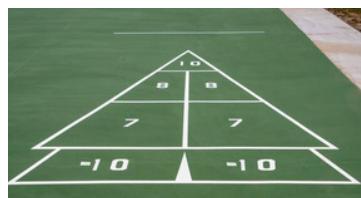
**Special Craft Activity - Sip 'n Paint**  
on **Saturday, March 18th.**

We'll be turning a simple drinking vessel  
into a work of art. BYOB

*For more details check out the scrolling  
activity announcements on the TV in  
the Clubhouse.*

## DAILY ACTIVITIES

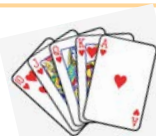
Coffee & Table of  
Knowledge  
7:00 AM



Shuffleboard 1:00 PM



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM



Cards & Games  
7:00 PM



Fiber & Threads  
Every Thursday  
2:00 PM



Mexican Train  
Every Tuesday  
1:00 PM



Wine B4 Dine  
Thursdays  
4:00 PM



BINGO  
Wednesdays  
7:00 PM



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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!

Cornhole Wednesdays  
at 9 AM



### Pickleball



Tuesdays  
&  
Thursdays  
9:00 AM

Gentle  
Exercises  
Tuesdays &  
Thursdays  
8:00 AM

Time to  
stretch

Ukulele  
Lessons  
Mondays  
2 PM



### Music Jam Session



Fridays  
3:00 PM



Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
10 AM

Stitching Cards  
Wednesdays 10 AM  
Card Room

### Tuesday is Movie Night!

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

March 7th - Dog Gone  
March 14th - True Spirit  
March 21st - Official Secret  
March 28th - Empire State



Join us after  
breakfast Monday,  
March 20th for a  
guest speaker  
from Mosaic.



## MEET BRIAN AND ROBIN ESTEE

Many of you will recognize this couple. Brian and Robin Estee became members of the Florida SKP Resort in March of 2022 and have been active participants in our activities. They are full-time RVers in their Dutch Star motorhome.

Brian grew up in New Hampshire and Robin in Massachusetts. They later met at work, where Brian was a police officer and Robin was a dispatcher for the Dover Police Department. They were married in 1999.

Brian started his working years by loading trucks, which made him realize the value of a college education. He returned to college and studied criminal justice, which led him to a 40-year career as a police officer. He started his career in the 1970s in a small police department, where he quickly worked his way up to become the youngest police chief in the state of NH. Brian later joined the Dover Police Department, where he spent his years as a uniformed police officer, finishing his last 12 years as a police prosecutor. Robin retired in 2020, after 28 years of serving as an Administrative Assistant in three different police departments.

Brian and Robin began camping 20 years ago with Frank and Julie King and friends in Connecticut. Frank and Julie (Robin's Uncle & Aunt) later introduced them to our park and they signed on to the waiting list.

The Estees have four children and five grandchildren. They sold their home in 2020 and became full-timers. The Estees love their life on the road and their family and friends here at SKP Resort. Robin loves to read, sew, knit, cook, do crafts, and best of all, walk.

Birthdays: Brian October 23; Robin October 15

Phones: Brian 603-817-4300; Robin 603-817-4301

Emails: brianestee3@gmail.com; robin.estee@gmail.com

Anniversary: August 5

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## MEET DON AND GLORIA COTE

Don and Gloria Cote, Site H-12, have been members of the Florida SKP Resort since December 2021. They are a couple of the folks who are referred to in our park as part of "the Myakka group". That's because they were encouraged, a few years ago, to sign up on the wait list by Joe and Lee Belanger while volunteering together at Myakka River State Park. The Cotes are still volunteering there in the wintertime.

Don and Gloria lived in Milford, MA until 2002 when they moved to Madison, NH to live in the home that Don built 30 years ago. Don worked almost 30 years in the real estate department of the telephone company, retiring in 1993, followed by other jobs. Gloria spent many years as a nurse, working with teens through elderly patients, as a visiting nurse, and in nursing homes, primarily in the mental health field. She obtained her Masters' Degree in Nursing the same year that Don retired and was a geriatric nurse practitioner in MA and NH until she retired in 2009.

The Cotes have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. The couple has traveled often with a group of friends, at various times visiting AK, CO, and UT together. Their favorite travels are to our nation's national parks. They have volunteered at Acadia National Park and work-camped in WY. The Cotes are avid hikers. In Zion National Park, they hiked Angels Landing. Their home in NH is located near Mount Washington and the Appalachian Trail, where they were members of a hiking group, AMC, for many years and enjoyed many hiking programs, as well as cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. When at home now in the summer, they enjoy camping with local groups and kayaking.



Birthdays: Gloria May 11; Don July 25

Phones: Gloria 508-272-8382; Don 603-733-7440

Email: gdcoteroadrunner.com

Anniversary: January 17



Woodcarvers meet from 9:00 to noon each Friday morning at the clubhouse. Pictured are Skip Pratt and Bill Maas on the left; George Weiss, Gary Wyatt, Glen Manton, and Fester Gerber on the right.

Below, Stanley Bobek, who has been carving for many years, shows off his wood burning skills.



## Escapees Chapter 57 Monthly Luncheon

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



## MEET TOM AND DIANE ADLER

Tom and Diane Adler (and their 13-year-old Bichon, Chelsea) have been members of the Florida SKP Resort since February 2022. They found their way here via the recommendations of former members Joe and Lee Belanger while volunteering together at Myakka River State Park. In fact, Tom accumulated over 8000 hours of volunteer time there over a period of 10+ years.

Tom and Diane both grew up in the state of New York and were introduced to each other by Diane's oldest sister and brother-in-law. At that time, Tom was a volunteer fireman, working with his brother-in-law. The couple married on October 15, 1977, and have been married for 46 years.

In 1979, the Adlers moved to Chesapeake, VA, where Tom joined the Norfolk, VA fire department as a professional firefighter. Subsequently, Tom became an arson investigator for 6 years, a fire inspector for a year, and later an engine operator. He was a union vice president, and, after 27 years, he retired from the chief's office.

Diane's working years were in banking. She was a team leader and an operations officer for the Bank of Commonwealth. Diane retired on disability after several years of medical problems. She had a heart condition that was first diagnosed when she was in First Grade. Diane had open-heart surgery at the age of 19, and 2 more surgeries after that. She had a stroke during the latest surgery in 2002.

Tom started a lawn business in Florida, and, in 2006, the couple bought a home in The Villages. A tornado struck their house on February 3, 2007, and a roofing board with 5 nails hit Diane in "the high quarters", which sent her to the hospital for 5 days and required the Adlers to vacate their home for 6 months. They were able to rent a house from a neighbor while their home was being repaired.

Now that the Adlers have their membership, they spend 5 months here in the park and about 7 months each year at their home in The Villages. Our feisty Diane spends a lot of her time and energy giving to our park: as a volunteer coordinator for Fun 'n Sun; helping in the kitchen; decorating the hall for holidays; and with movie night. She enjoys playing Pegs and Jokers in the evenings, loves doing counted cross stitch and other crafts, likes to bowl, ride her bicycle, and play Mahjongg. Tom enjoys cooking, creating stained glass, wood carving, and riding a bicycle. About 11 years ago, Tom and a friend bicycled from San Diego, CA to St. Augustine, FL in 49 days.

Birthdays: Diane December 30; Tom January 2  
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