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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all! Here's wishing that 2024 is a good year for everyone. My house is especially happy to see 2023 come to an end. It has been quite a year for us, and we are so thankful for not only healthcare workers in multiple hemispheres and several states but also so very grateful for support from friends who helped and that includes many from the park who sent prayers and good wishes. The caring and sharing was quite evident and much appreciated. Thank you! And for those of you who ever worked in health care - we tip our hats to you - you deserve a well-earned happy retirement.

It is quite clear that everyone has been enjoying themselves in the park from what is posted online. Thanks to all for helping with the many activities so far this season. The activities do not happen without efforts behind the scenes - we are fortunate to have many hands making light work. As we approach the Annual Meeting later in February, the deadline for throwing your name in the ring for a coveted position on the Board of Directors is fast approaching. Everyone is urged to consider running....yes, it can be frustrating, but it is crucial that good people step up to the front of the line to serve. We are no different from any other organization - there is always a group in the back of the room grumbling and complaining about "THEM" and saying, "THEY are doing it all wrong - THEY should do it my way." Don't get mixed up with that crowd - be one of the "THEM" people and run for the board - help to keep our beautiful park the wonderful place it is.

Again, best wishes to everyone for a wonderful 2024!

Steve Little



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 10th 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



What's Happening This Month?

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



**Potluck
Brunch
January 1
10 AM**

Baked Potato Lunch



January 5
1 PM



Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!

First Monday Each Month

January 8th

Fun 'n Sun Meeting at 9 AM

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



Ice Cream Socials
January 7th - 2 PM
January 21st
2 PM



**January 3rd
at 1 PM**
Giovani's
221 W. Main St.
Wauchula FL. 33873



SK Pettes
**January 17th
11:30 AM**
Olive Garden
1696 US Hwy 27 N
Sebring, FL 33870

ROMEOS

**January 17th
12:00 PM**

Bufalucca Sports
n'Wings
7429 US Hwy 27,
Sebring, FL



Game Night
January 13th
7 PM



**Spaghetti Dinner
and Dance**
January 24th
Dinner at 5 PM
Dance at 6:30 PM



**Outdoor Games
Tournaments**
Shuffleboard,
Cornhole, &
Pickleball
January 25th



Guest Speaker
"Crackers Talk"
January 22nd
9:15 AM



**CRACKERS
CAPERS**

January 26th



Heavy
Hors d'oeuvres
4:30 PM

Chair Volleyball
5:30 PM



Auction

January 27th
1 PM



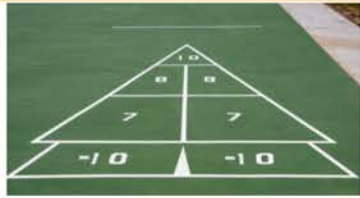
BIG BINGO!

January 28th
7 PM



DAILY ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table of Knowledge
7:00 AM



Shuffleboard 1:00 PM



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM
Self-directed



Cards & Games
7:00 PM



Whine B4 Dine

Thursdays at 4:00 PM
Pool Patio



HAPPY HOUR

Every Monday & Wednesday
4:00 PM



See flyer in clubhouse for movie titles

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Monday Morning
Breakfast
7:45 - 8:50 AM



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



Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM

Gentle Exercises



Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:00 AM



Ukulele Classes

Mondays

1:00 PM for Beginners
2:30 PM for Improvers



Fiber & Threads & Stitching Cards

Thursdays
2:00 PM

Wood Carving

Fridays
9 AM



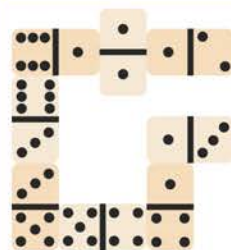
Music Jam Session

Fridays
2:30 - 4 PM



Mexican Train

Tuesdays
1:00 PM



Tai Chi

Tuesday & Thursday
7:30 AM



Bingo
Wednesdays
7 PM



Tell Your Story

2:30 PM
January 10th
January 31st



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

NEW MEMBERS

Brian and Lisa Geary

Brian and Lisa Geary, on Site A-36 became members in the Florida SKP Resort last December.

Brian grew up in Illinois and, after high school, joined the Air Force to which he gave 20 years. Later, as a civilian, Brian worked as an IT specialist in cyber security under the Department of the Army at Ft. Leonard Wood in MO. He and Lisa left their Marshfield, MO, home in their Open Road Tiffin motorhome this past fall. Traveling with the Gearys is their 6-year-old Black Mouth Cur, Max.

Lisa, the daughter of Bobbie and Judy Hoffman, grew up in Louisville, KY, and later developed "the RVing bug" after a childhood filled with camping. In addition to tent camping, the family owned a houseboat that spent many years on Nolin Lake, KY, and became their summer hangout. That houseboat lacked a motor, kitchen, or bathroom, but the floor held multiple "beds" for the children, their friends and family. During vacations, Lisa would work at Churchill Downs with her mother, but her "real job" was with Mercer Transportation from 1992 until August of 2023. That's when she and Brian were selling their house and preparing to start their full-time RVing adventure on October 20, 2023.

Lisa has two daughters, Amber and Michelle, and three grandchildren. Brian has a son, Austin, and a daughter, Taylor. The couple discovered each other on an online dating site. Brian tried several times to make a date with Lisa before she finally agreed to meet at Applebee's in Springfield, MO. Now, they have been married for 14 years. Lisa likes to run and cycle. She has entered 50K trail races twice, as well as competing in a 2-day bike event (100 miles each way) to benefit MS. Brian was a beekeeper before they sold their house.

Birthdays: Brian July 22; Lisa December 13
Phone: 417-766-7898
Email: lgeary43@gmail.com
Anniversary: March 27



Randy and Linda Meeks

Randy and Linda Meeks became members of the Resort in April 2023 but are occupying their site (A-11) for only one month this season because they are campground hosts at Myakka River State Park, where they have volunteered for 11 years.

The Meeks own a home on 3 ½ acres of wooded land near Randy's childhood home northwest of Atlanta in Dallas, GA. The couple has always camped in some fashion, i.e., tent, pop-up, fifth wheel – which has led to travels and work camping in NM, UT (Zion National Park), CO, TN, and AL. Randy is a serious hunter and insists on returning to Georgia each year in the fall.

Randy served four years in the United States Air Force, followed by positions wiring and installing outdoor antennas, cable TV, and operating heavy equipment. Linda retired from the state of Georgia as a social worker. The couple has been married for 40 years. They enjoy outdoor activities, including hiking and biking.

While Linda was a student at Florida State University, she was unknowingly living a block from the apartment occupied by serial killer Ted Bundy.

Birthdays: Randy July 10; Linda April 5
Phones: Randy 770-689-6109; Linda 770-366-7134
Emails: Randy HRM1078@yahoo.com; Linda LEM1078@bellsouth.net
Anniversary: August 6



**Registration opens on
January 10th!**

**Escapade 2024
Rock Springs, Wyoming**

Now's the time to make plans to attend the largest gathering of the Escapees community and enjoy the scenic landscapes and rugged beauty.

ARTS & CRAFTS

January Crafts will be held on the 5th and 19th at 10 AM in the Clubhouse. Most classes last between 1 and 2 hours.

January 5th Paper Bead Earrings



Make two pair for \$3
Instructor: Rosie Sinclair

January 19th Slow Stitching - "Perfectly Imperfect"



Cost: \$2
Sign-up in the Clubhouse



The annual Yankee Swap was well-attended and fun had by all



Robert Lea hosts "Tell Your Story"



Brian Estee, a retired police officer, shared stories from his patrol days



Bud Hodgkins gave us a glimpse into his years in the US Navy and included Marsha as he talked about their early married life and beyond as Escapees members



Ed Landry shared his successes as a roller skating competitor



Lanette Breault told us about a trip to Italy with a friend.



Board of Directors Meetings for the 2023-2024 season

JANUARY 10 at 9 AM
FEBRUARY 14 at 9 AM
MARCH 13 at 9 AM
APRIL 10 at 9 AM

FEBRUARY 8
Town Hall & Meet the Candidates

ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
9 AM

Christmas Dinner 2023



NEW MEMBERS

George and Ann Marie Reckentine



Since beginning their full-time travels 8 years ago, George and Ann Marie have traveled to 10 Canadian provinces and 48 states, including two trips to Alaska. While visiting the SKP Resort last winter, they talked to Norm and Ginny Milliard for suggestions before traveling to Newfoundland this summer. Their best memory from that trip occurred at The Daily Catch, where they were "screeched"... a fun-packed evening of becoming honorary Newfies with appropriate apparel, songs, dances, and food. George broke the ice by agreeing to try his hand at dancing and made such a sensation that a local lady recognized him as he pumped fuel the next day. He learned that his antics had been on Facebook Live.

George and Ann Marie first met each other at the funeral of Ann Marie's late husband. George, a divorcee at the time, was later coaching Ann Marie's son and his own, and she lost her heart to him...well, initially, to his voice. And from that point, they've had a colorful life.

George served 20 years in the Army, retiring in 1995, and worked five years for John Deere, then as a technical writer for Club Car. When the Reckentines sold their home in December 2015 to travel full-time, Club Car offered him a deal he couldn't refuse: Continue to work from "home" part-time for a full salary. So, George continued to write their manuals while enjoying Alaska and beyond, earning him 14 years with Club Car.

Ann Marie has served in the US Army and has been a police officer, a secretary, an event planner, and a business administrator for the oldest Episcopal church in GA. The couple raised their three children in Augusta, GA, where they lived for 30 years. They have six grandchildren, one of whom has angel wings.

George and Ann Marie are the new members on Site A-08. The Reckentines look forward to volunteering at the Florida SKP Resort and have already agreed to work in the kitchen.

Birthdays: George February 14

Ann Marie August 30

Phones: George 904-903-8704

Ann Marie 706-799-6050

Emails: George Greckentine@gmail.com

Ann Marie Arecekentine@gmail.com

Anniversary: June 26

Blog: Ramblinrecks.com