



# Cracker Crumbs

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I'm looking forward to seeing all our SKP members and visitors for a new season at the resort!

We've had an unusual 2024 year, to say the least. In the last year and a half we have lost three Charter members: Lydia LeMaistre, Vera Green, and Ernie Herman. We also lost five other members this year: Dave Irons, Nancy Yvon, June Post, Phoebe Bolin, and Phyllis Wiederaenders. They are greatly missed by all and we extend our sincere condolences to their families!

The resort has also had two hurricanes, Helene and Milton, come through. Some members had a little damage, but overall we were lucky, which we are very grateful for. Our members who are in the park did a great job cleaning the park and keeping the generators going for the water, sewer, and kitchen.

November is always a busy time for all of us at the park. The committees are getting together all the projects they want to get done in the new season. The park attendants will be busy getting things ready for members and visitors that will be coming in. Park attendants are Mike and Mary. Be sure to say hi to them when you see them.

I'm very grateful for all our volunteers! They are what makes this park so wonderful and functioning so well. Also, to any new members, please join in and volunteer. That is how you meet everyone and we always try and have a good time.

Respectfully,  
Jane Lewis  
President



## BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Jane Lewis - A-13.....President
- Steve Little - G-27.....Vice President
- Laurie Milliard - F-01.....Secretary
- Dave Mayo - A-18.....Treasurer
- Lisa Geary - H-28.....Asst. Treasurer
- Don Wold - H-05.....At Large
- Denny Luppens - A-34.....At Large

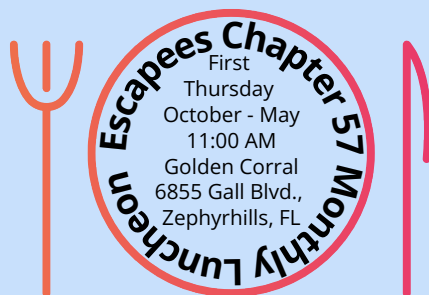
### SKP RESORT OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**Board workshop**  
**November 6 @ 9:00**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 13 @ 9:00**



## We have the best Members!

What a productive year this has been! Between the Building Committee and the many volunteers, we were able to get a lot accomplished around the park! Check it out:

1. The bathrooms were remodeled and painted.
2. The floors were stripped/cleaned/waxed.
3. The planters in front of the building were repotted with fresh flowers.
4. The patio was pressure-washed and painted.
5. The hall was treated for termites.
6. The 3-door fridge in the kitchen was repaired.
7. The kitchen sink drains were repaired.
8. The water lines in the kitchen were re-plumbed and new water filters were installed.
9. The kitchen vent lights were upgraded to brighter, more efficient LED bulbs.
10. The kitchen walls and trim were repainted.
11. Six new smoke detectors were installed.
12. An LED light was installed in the mailroom.
13. Sunblock and foil was installed on mailroom room due to heat.
14. An oscillating fan in the front office.
15. Floor tiles were repaired/replaced in the kitchen.
16. Repaired/replaced handrail outside of library door.
17. Miller's AC removed the old AC compressor and air handler and installed split AC units in the front/rear office and game room.
18. Fire extinguishers and kitchen vent fire suppression was inspected.
19. Old ceiling AC vents from the front/back office and game room were removed.
20. Replaced all defective ceiling tiles in front and back offices and game room.
21. Installed new LED ceiling light in front office
22. Painted the front office.
23. Clubhouse roof and exterior walls were pressure washed.
24. The hall was treated for bed bugs.

A huge thank-you to everyone for your time and muscle!! It's everyone working together that makes this park so great!

George Reckentine (A-8)

## Meet our new Park Attendants Mike Jones & Mary Dumas!

Mike and Mary are our newest park attendants, and we welcome them to our Florida SKPResort. They are currently parked on Site G-16.

Mike grew up in Summersville, West Virginia, while Mary grew up in Hardwick, Vermont. They met while on-line playing cards, specifically the game of Spades, and have been together for more than twenty years. Each is the parent of three children, and between them they have eleven grandchildren. Mary is proud to also be the great-grandmother of five children.

Mike spent ten years of his early career in the U.S. Army, and we would like to thank him for his service. He also loved being a school bus driver while living in West Virginia. Mary was previously a middle school teacher for fifteen years, also while in West Virginia. From 2010 to 2023, they spent these years as caretakers of a variety of properties. Since June of 2023, they have been full-time RVers. During these two time frames, they have spent time taking care of a lighthouse in Washington state, and also spent time in Upstate New York and in Winchester, Virginia. Ask them to tell you about the five winter months they spent at Sea Otter Sound Lodge (about 100 miles from Ketchikan, Alaska). They were basically living there on a raft while providing security for the lodge. They can tell you about their encounter with three wolves while visiting this area!

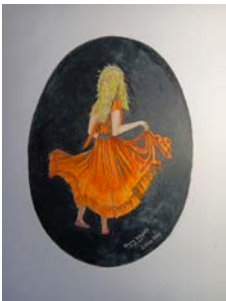
Although they currently do not have any pets, they have previously had a boxer-pitbull mix. During their spare time, Mary enjoys embroidery and needlepoint, while Mike's hobbies include fly-fishing, hiking, and home brewing.

Birthdays: Mike, July 4; Mary, June 6 Anniversary: June 10

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**Gary Wyatt, the Colored Pencil Artist, site S-07, will be back in the park and holding his drawing classes for those interested. On November 9th from 12-2 he will have a solo show at the Peter Powel Roberts Art Museum in Avon Park.**



**His first class will be November 13 @ 8 a.m.**



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### November birthdays:

- 3 - Marsha Hodgkins
- 5 - Darcy Norton
- 6 - Bud Hodgkins
- 12 - Doris Chase
- 25 - Susan Hohman
- 27 - Britt Holstun
- 29 - Rita Blakely

### November Anniversaries

- 2 - Norm & Laurie Milliard
- 29 - Stan & Barbara Bobek



# What's Happening This Month?

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



**Ice Cream Social**  
Nov. 3 & 17  
2 PM



**Nov. 6th**  
**at 12:30 PM**  
Dimitri's Restaurant  
2710 Kenilworth Blvd  
Sebring, FL 33870



**Celebrate SKP Spirit Day!**  
First Monday Each Month

**November 11**  
**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.

## Chair Volleyball

Nov. 17  
3 PM



## ROMEOS

**November 20**  
**12:00 PM**  
Woody's Bar-B-Que  
902 S. 6th Ave.  
Wauchula, FL 33873

 **arts & crafts** 

**Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m.**

 Wind spinners

Will need 2 pairs pliers, one with wire cutting edge



**NOVEMBER 8**  
**POT LUCK DINNER**  
**AND BEE GEE'S DANCE**





Veteran's Day Program  
November 11, 7 p.m.

**CRAFT FAIR**

**NOVEMBER 30**

Early birds 8:30  
Normal opening 9 - 2

 Lunch available  
11:30 - 12:30

**Special November Activity**



**Line Dancing 10-12 .**

November  
4,6,8,18,19,22,25,27

 **Arts and Crafts**

Nov. 15, 10:00 a.m.

Rock painting - create the Aurora Borealis



(Bring a flat rock if you have one)



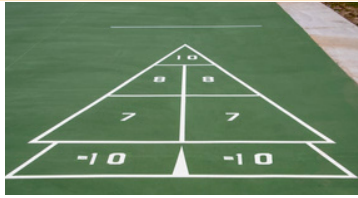
**SKP Pettes**

**Nov.20**  
**12:30 PM**  
**Location to be determined.**



# DAILY ACTIVITIES

**Coffee & Table of Knowledge**  
7:00 AM



Shuffleboard 9:00 a.m.



Water Aerobics 2:00 PM  
*Self-directed*

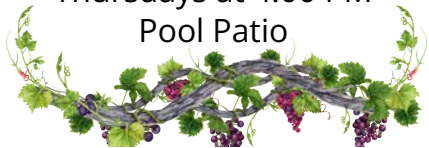


Cards & Games  
7:00 PM



## Whine B4 Dine

Thursdays at 4:00 PM  
Pool Patio



**Tuesdays at 7 PM**  
*See flyer in clubhouse for movie titles*

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Monday Morning Breakfast  
November 11  
7:45 - 8:50 AM



**Bowling**  
Thursdays  
10 AM

**Wood Carving**  
Fridays  
9 AM

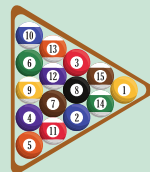


**American Train**  
Fridays  
10 PM

**Bingo**  
Wednesdays  
7 PM



**Cornhole**  
Tuesdays  
9 AM



**Billiards**  
Thursdays  
5 PM



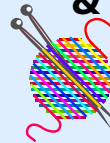
**Pickleball**  
Tuesdays  
&  
Thursdays  
9:00 AM

## Gentle Exercises



Tuesdays &  
Thursdays  
7:30 AM

## Fiber & Threads & Stitching Cards



Thursdays  
2:00 PM



## Music Jam Session



Fridays  
2:30 - 4 PM

## Yappy Hour



Every Tuesday @ 4p.m  
at the dog park.

Everyone  
welcome.



**Gary Wyatt's  
pencil art class.**  
**Nov. 13 @ 8:00  
a.m.**





# Celebration of Life for **Vera Greene** hosted by Sue Mannery.



## November 12th 11:30 a.m.

Please come celebrate her  
and share a story.

**NU-HOPE Elder Care Services**  
Invites you to our complimentary  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
For Seniors

<p><b>Highlands County</b> Thursday <b>November 14, 2024</b> Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center 388 W. Center Ave., Sebring - behind the library Doors open at 10:30. Sit down Dinner served at 11:30</p> <p><b>HAPPY Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>Featuring: REAL Roasted Turkey &amp; Baked Ham Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, and PIE!</p> <p>Music provided by Rick Arnold Special guest appearance by Waddles, the World Famous Dancing Turkey!</p> <p>There is no cost to visitors, but pre-registration is required. Seating may be limited.</p> <p>Due to fund-raising, attendees must be age 60+. Attendees <b>MUST</b> reserve their meal by calling NU-HOPE at <b>863-382-2134</b> no later than <b>November 2, 2024</b></p> <p>Sponsored in part by <b>DUKE ENERGY</b></p>	<p><b>Hardee County</b> Tuesday <b>November 26, 2024</b> Florida's First Assembly of God Church 1597 S. Florida Avenue, Wauchula</p> <p>Featuring: REAL Roasted Turkey &amp; Baked Ham Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, and PIE!</p> <p>Entertainment provided by our special guests: - Thomi Bee - Elvis (aka Zane McDole) - Cobe the Clown</p> <p>- Singer/Songwriter &amp; Ministry Founder: Sherry White &amp; Waddles - the World Famous Dancing Turkey!</p> <p>Doors open at 10:30. Sit down Dinner served at 11:30</p> <p><b>HAPPY Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>There is no cost to visitors, but pre-registration is required. Seating may be limited.</p> <p>Due to fund-raising, attendees must be age 60+. Attendees <b>MUST</b> reserve their meal by calling NU-HOPE at <b>863-773-2022</b> no later than <b>November 14, 2024</b></p> <p>Sponsored in part by <b>DUKE ENERGY</b></p>
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**NU-HOPE to Host Thanksgiving Dinners for Seniors**  
NU-HOPE Elder Care Services kicks off the holiday season by inviting all seniors (ages 60 or better) to our 2024 NU-HOPE Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners. A separate dinner is being held in Hardee and Highlands County.

The celebrations, co-sponsored by Duke Energy, features traditional holiday dinner of roasted turkey and ham, mashed-potatoes, gravy, stuffing and pie, as well as live entertainment. As a way of honoring seniors, community leaders and supporters will act as servers. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Transportation may also be available. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet other seniors and learn more about services available for older adults and their caregivers.

For more information, please call NU-HOPE at  
(863-382-2134 (Highlands County)  
863-773-2022 (Hardee County)

## CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 30th  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Homemade items, crafts,  
knits, quilted items,  
woodworking, bags  
placemats, cards, and so  
much more!

**FREE ADMISSION**

Lunch Available  
from  
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

# The SKP Park is Top-Rated

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## RV LIFE

### Your Park is Top-Rated on RV LIFE!

Congratulations on your Outstanding Achievement! We are thrilled to recognize your campground as one of RV LIFE's Top-Rated Parks, a distinction that places you at the pinnacle of excellence in the RV community. This honor is a direct reflection of your dedication to creating a remarkable RV experience, as attested by the glowing reviews and ratings from our members. Please check out your park on [Campgrounds.RVLIFE.com](https://www.Campgrounds.RVLIFE.com) and read what RVers are saying about you and see the great photos they are posting on your park page.

#### Why You're Top-Rated

Your campground has consistently received positive RVer reviews and achieved a rating of 8 or above on RV LIFE Campgrounds. This recognition signifies your success in delivering high-quality service, fantastic amenities, and unforgettable stays to travelers who have chosen your park as their home away from home and vacation destination.

#### Top Rated Award Certificate – A Symbol of Excellence

To commemorate your success and help you promote this notable status, we are proud to send you our "Top Rated" Award Certificate. This award is a symbol of trust and a testament to the positive experiences shared by RVers who have enjoyed your hospitality. Displaying this award will visually affirm your commitment to high standards and showcase your park as a preferred destination for RV LIFE community members and RVers across North America.

#### Top Rated Stickers - Showcase Your Accomplishment

We encourage you to display your "Top Rated" stickers prominently at your campground — consider the check-in area, window, or any place where they can capture the attention of new and returning guests. These stickers will serve as a lasting reminder of your exceptional service and the positive feedback from the RV community, plus these stickers have an easy-to-use QR code that guests can scan to leave a review at your park.

#### A Heartfelt Thank You

We can't thank you enough for making RV LIFE a trusted source for RVers seeking the best destinations. It's through the hard work and hospitality of park owners like you that our community remains strong and vibrant. Your campground's contribution to RVing excellence doesn't go unnoticed and forms the cornerstone of the trust RV LIFE inspires among RV adventurers.

#### Continuing the Journey to Excellence

Your ongoing efforts to offer an unparalleled guest experience help ensure that RV LIFE remains the go-to platform for adventurers to find their perfect getaway spots. We are excited about your continued commitment to excellence, and we're confident that your outstanding service will keep RVers coming back for more great memories.

Here's to creating more extraordinary RV and camping experiences!

Should you have any inquiries or need support to further enhance your campground's presence on RV LIFE, please feel free to contact me at [Dawn@RVLIFE.com](mailto:Dawn@RVLIFE.com)

Warmest regards,

Dawn

# \*\*\* SKP Safety \*\*\*

From the app store on your phone, download the Hardee County Sheriff's office app – this will notify you of road closures, emergencies, missing person, fugitive, cell phone outages, 911 connection issues, law enforcement activity, hazardous road and driving conditions, urgent weather messages and many other issues. It will also let you know of fun activities sponsored by the Sheriff's office.



## Taking charge of your own safety

1. Trust yourself – many times, your eyes, ears, nose, skin, and tongue will give you clues indicating that something threatening is ahead.
2. Be aware of your surroundings.
3. Pay attention to the people around you.
4. Act confident and focused.
5. Understand that alcohol and drugs can cloud judgement.

## Online safety basics:

1. Keep a clean machine – keep software up to date.
2. Create long unique Passwords.
3. Use a password manager.
4. Enable multi-factor identification.
5. Think before you click.

## Websites for more safety information

<https://www.hardeecountyfl.gov>

<https://www.cityofwauchula.gov/communications-department/pages/alerthardee>

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/>

<https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/home.jsf>

<https://www.nsopw.gov/>