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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all,

It's that time of year again - many conversations are starting with "When are you leaving?" The snowbirds among us will soon be headed to cooler climates, and some of the adventurous are off for points unknown, and some hardy souls will remain here in Shangri-La.

There was a fair amount of transition in the park this season - some old timers left, and we welcomed new members. We lost some good souls along the way, but also made new friends.

There was a tremendous amount of hard work by many, many people, in countless ways (and THANKS to all who contributed). And most importantly, there was a lot of fun, friendship, and good times. That's what it's all about!

I wish you all the very best. In the meantime, safe travels, stay healthy, and enjoy yourselves until we meet back here in the fall.

Steve Little
President
Board of Directors



Board Meeting
9AM
April 8

BOARD OF OFFICERS

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Welcome Carlton and Maggie Burke

From an Air Force band performance at the World Series to life on the road in their Airstream, Carlton and Maggie's journey has been filled with music, family, and adventure.

Carlton's love for music began early. While still in grade school, he began playing and continued throughout his high school years, where he was active in the band, orchestra, and bagpipes. After graduating, Carlton joined the United States Air Force as a firefighter. Stationed in London. After returning to the States, he was accepted into the Air Force Band and continued performing both percussion and bagpipes. Maggie spent much of her early life in the South, growing up in Georgia, Louisiana, and Florida.

Their lives came together in Shreveport, Louisiana, where Maggie was training to become a nurse. It was there that she and Carlton met, married, and began building their life together.

During those years they raised four children—two boys and two girls—carefully arranging their schedules so that one of them would always be there for their family. Camping, competition bagpipe band, and church worship filled the years, with both working for the State of Maine, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for 25 + years.

Today, Maggie and Carlton are proud grandparents to 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, most of whom live in Maine.



CRAFT CLASS

April 3rd, 10 AM
 Make a chip clip and do a community service project. \$2

All supplies provided. You will make a chip clip or two for yourself and an equal number for the Welcome Comm. to use as gifts for future guests and membes.

April 17, 10 AM
 Learn "Punch Needle Embroidery."
 \$3
 (Limit 6)



Happy Birthday

- 2 Bruce Randall
- 6 Matthew Behun
- 7 Ron Wszalek
- 15 Clyde McKenzie
- 15 Linda Meeks
- 18 Leigh Ann Cooper
- 19 Jay Merritt
- 19 Rose Irons
- 19 Jane Lewis
- 22 Chuck Roth
- 22 Margery Zeller
- 23 Jean Hunt
- 23 Lynne Kershner
- 23 Lou Pauly
- 23 Dick Naughton
- 24 Skip LaPlante
- 27 Bill Ewald
- 29 Barbara Fletcher





Welcome Ken Yetman

Ken Yetman grew up in New Jersey and developed an early fascination with the ocean and marine life. Marine biology captured his imagination, and he read every book on the subject he could find. One book in particular left a lasting impression—Journey to the Sea of Cortez. Reading it as a young person sparked a dream that one day he might see the Sea of Cortez for himself.

Ken devoted his career to protecting and restoring marine environments. Working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, he contributed to restoration efforts in the Chesapeake Bay, helping preserve one of the nation's most important estuaries.

Ken was married to Mary Ann Zimmerman who he considered to be his soulmate. Together, they raised 2 sons in Beltsville, MD. During those early family years, Ken and his wife discovered camping. Over the years, they continued trading and upgrading campers, always moving to something just a little bigger.

After 40 years of marriage, Ken lost the love of his life to cancer. It was a profound loss and the beginning of a very different chapter. With their children grown, Ken eventually decided it was time to go back on the road.

Looking ahead, Ken hopes to spend time closer to family during the summer months. He has a volunteer position as a camp host at Patapsco State Park in Maryland, which would allow him to be near his granddaughter, who will then be 18 months old. Please stop and say hello.



Welcome David Heaton

David comes to us from Greenfield, Indiana, and now resides on Lot G-23. He is the son of Kathleen Heaton and the late Ray Heaton and is the brother of Diane Merritt.

David recently retired after 34 years in the automotive industry in Indiana, where he helped build the Honda Accord and Acura. He began his career working in the foundry — a demanding position where temperatures could reach as high as 117 degrees. He spent nearly ten years in that intense environment before moving to the assembly line. His final role was working on the production scheduling line, helping keep operations running smoothly.

When membership began to look like a reality, David and his brother-in-law Jay started searching for a unit where he could settle. They located one in a park very near to Florida SKP— Lazy Acres — where they found a fifth wheel trailer that caught David's eye, and he lived there until he was able to get his spot in the SKP.

Gardening is truly one of David's hobbies. During the long, cold Indianapolis winters when the weather often kept him indoors, he took up latch hook rug making — a hobby he greatly enjoyed. Unlike his sister Diane, who is well known in our community for her love of tropical flowers and flower gardening, David leans more toward vegetable gardening. Their mother, Kathleen, fondly refers to her two children as her "bookends" — with David at one end and Diane at the other.

Please be sure to introduce yourself and give David a warm SKP welcome.



The Ukulele players had a very captive audience at the Sanctuary for Great Apes.



The Ukulele players also got to pay Noretta a surprise visit.



There was a great turnout for the bus trip to Key West..



It takes a village!
Thanks to all who helped make the St. Pat's dinner and dance a success!





In a quote from Mitch Albom’s book, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, it reads: “We move through places every day that never would have been if not for those who came before us.” Truly, we, past and present pickleball players, are indebted not only to Norm and Ginny Millard, who brought pickleball to the Resort, but also to the membership who supported the sport through their generous contribution of a modern court to play on.

It was a process that took ten years, various locations, and much perseverance for the SKP Resort to have the professional court that we have today to come to fruition.

Pickleball continues to grow in popularity, and we Escapees are so grateful to have a court to play on. A new dedication marker has been placed near the court to honor Norm and Ginny for their time and efforts.

By: Ann Schumann & Susan Wszalek

PET RECORDS



There has been a lot of movement in the park this year and I’m trying to update the pet records. If you have a pet, please be sure that the office has a copy of your up-to-date pet records.

WELCOME DON AND LORI WAGNER



Don’s story began in Michigan, where he grew up surrounded by family and a strong sense of craftsmanship.

From an early age, Don was involved in woodworking, and his learning alongside family members turned into a true skill. Don served 10 years in the US Air Force where he was trained as a computer programmer.

Lori’s story began in Bloomington, IN. Employed by Indiana University she gained IT skills that developed into her focus until retirement. Don and Lori met through work in Carmel, IN.

They spend summers in their RV in Don’s Michigan home town. His brother graciously provided a space on his property with a concrete slab, a barn and all utilities. They are very close to Don’s large family and they all enjoy time together on a lake at the family 150-year-old farm.

Lori is actively involved in Kappa Delta Phi, a philanthropic sisterhood dedicated to fundraising to support area families. Don is a past-President of the Central Indiana Woodworkers and the group creates nearly 10,000 pieces of toys made from wood annually.

Together, Don and Lori have three children. Two boys in the Indianapolis area, and a daughter in Berlin, Germany.

They have three grandchildren, a girl and two boys.

Please stop by H2O and give them a big SKP welcome.

ACTIVITIES

Coffee & Table
of Knowledge
7AM Daily



Monday Morning
Breakfast
7:45 - 8:45 AM



Gentle stretches for strength & balance
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
7:30-8:30 AM

HAPPY HOUR

Monday & Wednesday
4 PM on the patio

Whine B4 Dine
Thursdays at 4:00 PM Pool Patio

Ukulele Fridays
1-2pm Beginners
2-3pm Advanced
3-4:30pm Music Jam
No class on 4/10



Shuffleboard
Daily @ 9 AM



~~Pencil art class every Thursday @ 9am~~

Water Aerobics (self directed)
2PM daily
(11 AM starting 4/15)

Fiber & Threads & Stitching Cards
Thursdays 2:00 PM
Ends May 1



Woodcarving
Friday's at 9AM

What's Happening This Month?

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



Welcome Don and Jackie Smith



Don and Jackie Smith's story reflects a lifetime of family, devotion, and the quiet comfort of companionship. Jackie trained as a medical tech.

During that time, she met her future husband, Dr. Reyes, who was then studying to become a physician. After his passing, Jackie remained in their home for many years before moving to Friendship Village, seeking connection and daily activity. Don also built his life around family, raising four children with his wife. He worked as a barber before moving into a second career designing and selling kitchens. Later, as his wife faced serious health challenges, Don remained steady and attentive, supporting her through those years while continuing to maintain their home. It was during this season of life that Don and Jackie came to know one another. Their connection grew naturally, rooted in understanding and kindness. After the passing of Don's wife, they were married on January 12.

In the years since, they have enjoyed traveling together and spending time with family. Today, Don continues to be a caring presence, and together they share a life centered on support and companionship. They call Farmington, Missouri home and are now happily settled here at the Florida SKP Park.

Please join us in welcoming Don and Jackie Smith to our community. They are on H22.



Departure Checklist

This checklist is provided by the Safety/Emergency Committee to help keep our RVs and homes safe during summer storms. Storms can be fierce here, and we need to prepare ahead of time.

- Put away flags and flag poles
- Put away patio furniture/chairs
- Put away garden tools and equipment
- Put away trash cans and grills
- Put away plant pots.

Anything you can hold with your hands could become a torpedo in a heavy wind or storm. Do not leave plants outdoors if you are not here to take care of them and move them indoors in case of storm.

- Remove detached steps and store safely
- Turn off propane and water
- Turn off electricity if you are not keeping your a/c or humidistat running
- Close and lock hurricane shutters/awnings
- Close and lock windows; cover with reflective material if desired
- Check sheds and homes for leaks and loose shingles. Repair before leaving.
- Clean out behind sheds. No loose items can remain there during the summer.
- Clean out behind your sheds. Leave no loose boards, etc. there.

Summer Residents: It is important for everyone to band together to keep the Resort safe. Make sure the Office knows you are staying this summer so you get important texts and Constant Contact info.

It is important to help prepare the clubhouse and pool for storms as well.

- Put away pool equipment and toys
- Put away pool furniture
- Put away any loose items around the outside of the clubhouse

Thank you! Have a safe and happy summer! Your Emergency and Safety Committee

Safe travels to all!