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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



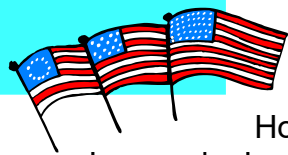
Greetings Escapees Ch.57 Florida Sun Gators. I hope you are enjoying life and doing what Escapees do best (HAVE FUN). Please keep in mind there's a few requirements a chapter must do to remain active. Rally Host/Hostesses are always needed. Remember you choose the campground/rally place and present the information to the members/officers for approval.

Thank you, safe travels, enjoy, and hope to see you down the road.

SKP HUGS
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Minutes of the Business Meeting for Escapees Chapter 57 Sun Gators



On Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 9:30 AM the following adoptions were done for Chapter 57: Stan Scott adopted by Marilyn and Larry Forbes, Larry and Gayla Carr by Chick and Debby Thompson, Anne Warren by Bobby and Judy Hoffman, Bonnie Wilpon by Dave and Rose Irons, and Michael and Deborah

Lanosz by Lynn and Becky Lunde. The business meeting was called to order by Nathan Colter at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nathan Colter followed by a moment of silence in respect for our first responders. Secretary Report: Rose asked the membership if everyone had read the minutes from the November 2021 meeting posted on the Chapter 57 webpage. With no discussion or questions, a motion to accept was made by Chick Thompson, and 2nd by Marilyn Forbes. Everyone was reminded to use the website for all Chapter information and updates. Vice President Report: Judy Hoffman updated the membership on the upcoming fall rally; Paradise Oaks RV Resort November 6-10, 2022 (Sunday-Thursday) 4628 CR 475 Reservations: 352-793-1823 Bushnell, Florida 33513. Be sure you say you're with the Chapter 57 Rally. The Rally rate is \$40/night. *We must have a minimum of 10 rigs for this rally rate*. A 3-night minimum stay is required. The final number is set 2 weeks prior to the rally. Early or late arrivals will be charged \$70/night. If you want to stay longer, you will have to move to another site as there is a large rally coming in after our rally. We will be able to participate in all Paradise Oaks activities. Hosts: Linda Ward, Carina Cardarelli and Susan King. Linda and Carina updated us on plans and possible activities. Paradise Oaks requests an Itinerary prior to the rally and changes to be communicated to the office. Note: Finalized Itinerary will be posted on our website. Paradise Oaks also requires full payment up front. Per Russell Sens, refunds require 2 weeks notice, and a processing fee will be charged.

Debby Thompson handed out a printed copy of the Treasurers report to members present. Motion to accept by Chick Thompson, 2nd by Becky Lunde. Motion approved.

Webmaster: Debby Thompson updated us on the Chapter 57 Sun Gators Website. Our website is <https://sungators57.wixsite.com>. You may also access through Escapees.com website. You must log in to Escapees website then follow link to Chapter 57. On the website you will find the following: About Us, Who's Who, Events, Members, News, and local attractions. Members section requires password which is "sungators". On the Members site you will find the Current Gator Tales, Membership List, and Secretary's Report. Please check website for the latest information. For any problems regarding the website, contact Debby Thompson at sungators57@gmail.com. Sunshine Report: Marilyn Forbes reported no get-well cards sent out since the last rally. A Sympathy card was sent to Gene Watson (loss of wife Glenna in February). A letter from Gene was read to the members. We just learned of the loss of Margaret Hoetzel on January 31, 2022. Marilyn will send a card to husband Dick. They had just celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on January 27th. Becky Lunde gave us an update on Rina. Marilyn will send her a card. Debby read a nice letter from Joe Symmes who will not be renewing membership as he has moved near Foley, Alabama. Please remember to contact Marilyn Forbes for any illness or death in membership. Her email is listed on Chapter 57 website. Gator Tales: Becky Lunde asks we please send pictures, stories, recipes, and travels while new and fresh on your mind. Next Gator Tale deadline is September 15, 2022. Presidents Report: Nathan reserved Kissimmee RV Resort (Applebrook Resort) for our Spring 2023 Rally. Dates are April 10-14, 2023. We still need hosts for this rally. More information to follow. It was decided at a previous meeting that the maximum fee for a rally site is \$50/night. Every effort will be made to keep site fees and rally fees as low as possible. Bea and Bennit will be our SKP Row Reps at Escapade in June. Bea may need to have surgery. Debby Thompson asks that if you are going to Escapade and could be a back-up for Bea, to please let her know. At this rally we have 15 rigs and 31

The Chapter received a letter from CARE confirming our 2021 donations: \$685.00

From the Treasurer ---

A current roster with our newest members (added at Escapade) dated 7/12/2022 is on the website in the "Members" section. Password is sungators. Also, since we have so much happening at the November rally, I have added a tab for "Rally Details". As I get current information for the rally, it will be updated.

Currently to access our website, you must enter: sungators57.wixsite.com/sungators.

OR Log in to: escapees.com; click "Chapters" under the "Community" heading. You can click on the "57" on the map or scroll down on the "current chapters" list and click on "57-Florida Sun Gators;FL" then click on "Click Here to Enter our Chapter Website" **You must be logged in to escapees.com to access chapter website!**

Anything underlined on the website, is a "link". Email addresses or names underlined will open an email to that person. Reference to a document will open that document for viewing or printing. Events underlined will take you to the website for that event (for all current details). Places underlined will take you to a website for that place (for location and amenities). Sometimes the link is temperamental, scroll up or down a bit until it works.



SUNSHINE REPORT

I sent out a few cards last spring. After his visit to our spring rally, I sent Dick Hoelzel a "thinking of you" card, and after talking to Rina Schoen at the rally, I sent her one too. On April 27 I sent a get well card to Bea Mason after her back surgery and on May 6, I sent one to Bennit Mason as he was in the hospital. Sadly in June I also had to send a sympathy card to Larry Carr as Gayla passed away June 10th. She will be greatly missed. The rest of the summer has been very quiet. I hope I haven't missed anyone needing a card.

If you know of anyone in need of a card, please let me know. My contacts are phone/text 352-552-0132 and my email is mforbes37796@gmail.com.

I hope you have all had a good summer. I look forward to seeing lots of you at the fall rally in November at Paradise Oaks in Bushnell.

SKP Hugs,

Marilyn Forbes, Sunshine Lady

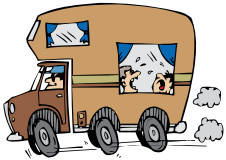


POT LUCK PAGE

Cherry Pink Salad (From Donna Ward's Kitchen!)

- 1 Can Crushed Pineapple (drain well-do not use)
- 1 Can Cherry Pie Filling
- 1 Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 8-oz. Cool Whip
(mini marshmallows if you wish)

Mix all well and place in bowl. Enjoy! This recipe was enjoyed by everyone at the Spring Rally. Thank you Donna.



RV TIPS AND TRICKS

1. To wind up your water hose, put the end in a circle and wrap a bungee cord around it. You can now easily wind it up.
2. If the passenger needs a spot to hold items while traveling down the road, use a clear tall soap dish with suction cups on the back. This can be attached to the window. It will hold a cell phone or other items you need while traveling.
3. Use toilet paper rolls to hold 110 v. cables to hair dryers, electric heaters, electric knife, etc.
4. Use bungee cords to hold coaxial cables to connect your RV to your campground cable connection when not in use.

SUN GATORS SPRING RALLY

What a great time everyone had at the Ch. 57 Spring Rally April 4-8, 2022 held in Dade City, FL at Morningside RV Park. A Big thank you to our hosts Larry & Gayla Carr. Most mornings got everyone started with a continental breakfast with one morning of biscuits, sausage and gravy.

After the first morning breakfast, there were several adoptions taking place for new members. (names and pictures later in this newsletter)

Larry and Gayla had several planned activities to keep us busy. Several of us went to the Flea Market in Zephyrhills, and everyone enjoyed a great pot luck dinner that evening. We have some wonderful cooks in the chapter. Thanks to Donna Ward for sharing her Cherry Pink Salad recipe. Also that evening, we had a wonderful surprise visit by long time member Dick Hoelzel. He is 92 now and lookin' great, but no longer travels in an RV. His wife Margaret passed away January 31, 2022. They contributed to the chapter for many years. After dinner we were entertained by Cowboy Steve Melton with his delightful Cowboy Stories and Poetry. He was great!

Wednesday after breakfast was the business meeting. The rest of the day was free to relax or see the area. That evening 29 chapter members enjoyed a group dinner at the Fresh Country Café in Zephyrhills. The food was great. The waitresses really had a skillful system to quickly take the menu orders and deliver the meals.

I don't believe anyone went hungry at this rally. Thursday was the SKP monthly luncheon at Golden Corral in Zephyrhills. There was heavy rain as we all enjoyed our lunch. Then it cleared just in time to visit Steve Melton's Ranch Museum. As we arrived, we were greeted by Steve and his dog Maggie. Wow...does he have the antiques. Steve walked us all around to explain the various items. He did a demo of a grist mill grounding wheat for the chickens. He has many antique tractors and they all run. He drove one out of the barn and Larry Carr and Nathan Colter drove it. At one point, Lynn Lunde rode in the seat at the front. I think they all felt like kids again! Steve took us through a Cracker home replica. He showed us the equipment he uses to make syrup from sugar cane that he actually grows on the farm. He showed us a 1959 Lincoln Continental car. It was all very interesting. Back at the campground, our talented member Richard LaFrate entertained us with his electric guitar. What a pleasant way to end the day. Thank you, Richard.

Friday morning it was time to say our goodbye's and head on down the road, and look forward to another fun rally in the fall.

Submitted by
Becky Lunde

MEMBER NEWS AND TRAVELS

Larry Carr:



"Love of my life, the mother of our children and the Grandmother of theirs, my best friend for over 42 years with the most beautiful soul I have ever known, passed away Friday June 10th." (2022) Gayla will truly be missed.

Laura Burton/Cliff Hatcher:

Escapade 2022 Aftermath: We RVolunteered!

It all started at the 2022 Escapade in Lebanon, TN. Cliff and I have been RVing since 2011, have attended three Escapades, and we always learn something new. Our first Escapade was in Vermont in 2016 as we just started our full-time journey. We also attended the Escapade in Rock Springs, WY in 2021. But the 61st Escapade in Tennessee was special. Tennessee is our home state and so it was really nice to be able to attend this rally. It was also special because we got to meet "A Year to Volunteer".

The seminar they hosted was titled "Don't Just RV. #RVolunteer!" This sounded very interesting, so we both went. Usually, Escapade has so many good seminars that we usually have to split up, but this time we both decided it would be best if we went together.

What we learned was that A Year to Volunteer or Y2V is a nonprofit founded and operated by Phil and Shar Roos. Phil and Shar are full-time RVers themselves who organize volunteer projects all over the country for other RVers, mostly at state parks and nonprofits. Since they started in February of 2020, they had completed 26 projects in 18 states for over 32,000 volunteer hours. During their presentation, they mentioned that not all RVers want to work camp or camp host but many love to help with shorter volunteer opportunities and this is what has made Y2V so successful. But why the name A Year to Volunteer? Their goal is to visit and volunteer in every state and inspire others to volunteer themselves for a total of 365 days during their lifetime.

During their presentation, they mentioned that they had a project coming up in August 2022 in Gainesville, FL and because we currently live in Leesburg (only 2 hours from there), we signed up right then. How their process works is that you head over to their website at www.ayeartovolunteer.com, you look over their list of their upcoming projects (we would also recommend you sign up for their newsletter where you get first alerts), and when you find one you like, fill out their application and if there is availability, they put you on the list. Even if the project is full when you sign up, Phil and Shar recommend signing up on the backup list because they always have cancellations. Luckily, we got right in. Some of their past projects over the last year include Pioneer Village Museum in Nebraska, Grand Haven State Park in Michigan, Sam Houston Jones State Park in Louisiana, Picacho Peak State Park in Arizona, and Raptor Education Group in Wisconsin, just to name a few.

The project in Gainesville was at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary located just north of town. This sanctuary is a nonprofit that provides monkeys, that were recovered or surrendered from private homes or are former lab test subjects, with a safe, forever haven that is as natural as possible.

The project was to assist them in building 12-15 habitats for their older monkeys. This included two-story metal habitats, roofs, indoor enclosures with toys installed, outdoor swings, ramps, runs, monkey bars, log rope ladders, and exotic and tropical plants.



Since space was limited at Jungle Friends, only six total RVs could attend down from Y2V's normal fifteen for a project. We all had electricity and access to water and used a blue boy tote to discharge our



black water into a septic system on site. The length of the project was a total of two weeks with a two-day break in the middle.

You are probably thinking by now, why in the heck would anyone volunteer to work outdoors in



August in Florida!? Well, the sanctuary couldn't wait because September and October are their high-risk months for severe weather including hurricanes, so they needed their "Geriatric Jungle" completed as soon as possible. In spite of



the hot and humid climate (it was routinely in the 90s with 95% humidity), a total of 14 volunteers from Alabama, South Carolina, Florida, Arizona, and even Connecticut answered the call. One couple could only stay for one week and another couple arrived to fill in for them.

Before we got there, Jungle Friends had been trying to get these habitats built for over two years and August is when it worked out for both Y2V and Jungle Friends to get it done. And get it done we did! We were able to complete twelve habitats, dedicating 680 hours and saving Jungle Friends over \$20,000 in labor costs. We also cleared an area for another RV site which greatly helped Jungle Friends because they welcome RVers to stop and spend time volunteering during their travels. If you're interested in paying a visit yourself (visit www.junglefriends.org to learn more), volunteers help with things like cleaning and clearing out existing habitats, replanting tropical plants, and preparing daily meals for the 250 monkeys that live there. You will agree, it's a labor of love.

During our time at the 61st Escapade, we weren't sure what the summer would hold for us, especially with the high fuel cost. But, because we attended Y2V's seminar and joined them on a project, we ended our summer on a great note! The work was hot and hard, but Jungle Friends was so appreciative and the experience made it all worth it. We made some new lifelong friends during this project and we've already signed up for another one next February. We can't wait!

Y2V is a great organization to volunteer with so definitely check them out via their website, www.ayearthovolunteer.com, on Facebook, Instagram, or on YouTube. Volunteering with them is really easy since they do all the coordinating and scheduling. You just show up with whatever skills you have or don't have and they will find something you can do to contribute. Please consider joining and volunteering on one of their projects. We had so much fun and you will too!

Larry & Marilyn Forbes:

We have had a really busy summer. It started right after our rally in April. The beginning was mostly SKP activities - SKP ACRE, the Gettysburg Hangout and Escapade where we were part of the market team. After that it was mostly visiting family and friends. Our first stop was our daughter's new home. During our visit her boyfriend Gene gave her a ring that he designed. Then on to New York. We spent a couple of days with Carolyn Jarvis then on to Larry's home town Oswego. There we laid his sister to rest. She passed away in March. Then it was on to visit chapter members Terri and Phil Tobin in Rhinebeck and Peg Gifford in Malta; had great visits with both. Our next stop was Vermont to see our son. There he spoiled us with great meals and beautiful rides around the area. Our last stop is Pumpkin Patch RV Park in Hermon, ME. We are attending the CH3 Lobsterfest here. We are really looking forward to the lobster and the rally fun. Then we head for home and the start of the doctor season with a brief stop in Mockville, NC to get the magna-shade for Shorty-er. We will have traveled about 6000 miles by the time we get home. We had a really good summer.

Lynn & Becky Lunde:

After a great time at the Ch. 57 Spring Rally, we headed to northern FL for a Holiday Rambler State Rally for another great week. Our travels then took us into GA. While staying at the Sweetwater COE north of Atlanta, we spent a day at Gibbs Gardens. We saw some beautiful flowers, bridges and streams. In the suburb of Roswell, we hiked a nice trail at Old Mill Park to see our first waterfall of the season. It was a pretty 50' fall. This park is jointly owned by the Nat'l. Park and the City of Roswell.

Do you like to hike? Do you have some favorite memorable hikes? Some of our favorite hikes have been Ouzel Falls at Rocky Mountain Nat'l. Park, a 4-mi hike to a Tea House in Lake Louise, and Dogwood Canyon near Branson, MO. Now we have a new favorite trail at Burgess Falls State Park near Smithville, TN in the eastern part of the state. The trail is only 1.5 mi. roundtrip, but you observe four unique falls along the trail. The first is a 20' cascade, 30' upper falls, 80' middle



and the main waterfall at 136' in height. The trail is marked strenuous, but that is only because there are around 260 steps. It was a piece of cake! In this eastern part of the state, there are a lot of other beautiful parks with trails and waterfalls. The area is a little higher elevation, making it a great cooler spring destination. If hiking is not to your liking, you can still see some beautiful waterfalls at Rock Island State Park. This location does have a hydroelectric plant & dam that was built in 1917. Six miles from this location, be sure to take the road to Twin Falls. There is a beautiful view of this fall right at the parking lot. Fall Creek Falls State Park also has a view of the falls near the parking lot. At 256', it is one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern U.S. At the end of the day here you can have a delicious dinner at the Lodge overlooking the lake. Tennessee State Parks are beautiful and are free.

In Nashville, we visited the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Hotel, took in a show at the Grand 'Ol Opry, and kicked up our heels at the Wildhorse Saloon. From there, we slowly moved north toward the 61st Escapade in Lebanon, TN. We had a great time at the Escapade. It's always so great to see friends and meet new ones. Our line dance classes were fun, and we had a good turnout each morning. It was reported that there were 489 rigs in attendance and \$5,200 brought in for CARE. After Escapade, we continued to travel north to visit Becky's family in IN, friends in IL, and Lynn's family in MI including a cousin turning 100 September 8th. We plan to be back in FL mid-October. Hope you all have had a good summer.

Editor's Note: As your Newsletter Editor, I will do my best to make the newsletter an interesting read, and provide accurate information. To make where you have been or where you are your RV. Send me funny articles or would really appreciate it. Please email (lblunde@aol.com). Pictures are cropped for space. JPG format is preferred. I will attempt to include all articles in the current issue. I look forward to receiving lots of articles from everyone. The newsletter deadlines are March 15th, September 15th, and December 15. Thank you for your participation. I hope you enjoy this issue.



Becky Lunde

Thank you to all who submitted articles for this issue!

JUST FOR LAUGHS

1. Why is it a dog gets mad when you blow in its face, but in a car sticks it's head out the window.
2. "Waiter, will my pizza be long?" "No, Miss, it'll be round."
3. What do you say to the anxious Carpenter who finished her work ahead of schedule? "You nailed it!"
4. Wayne: Do you still play triangle in the orchestra?
Jane: No, I quit. It was just one ting after another.
5. How do you make an egg laugh? Tell it a funny yoke.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Florida Escapees Gathering For Lunch

Luncheons are held the first Thursday of the month (**November thru April**) at 11am at Golden Corral, 6855 Gall Blvd. in Zephyrhills, FL.

Chapter 57 Fall Rally –November, 2022

When: November 6-10, 2022
Where: Paradise Oaks RV Resort, 4628 CR 475, Bushnell, FL 33513
Rally Hosts: Hosts: Carina Cardarelli, Linda Ward, Susan King,
Site Fees: \$40 per night rally dates only w/10 paid bookings of 3 or more nights
(regular rate of \$70 applies on each side of rally)
Reservations: Call the resort at 352-793-1823 or 352-251-2004

Chapter 57 Spring Rally –April, 2023

When: April 10-14, 2023
Where: Cypress Campground, 7400 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33884
Rally Hosts: Need Hosts
Site Fees: ? per night including 2 days each side of rally. Be sure to say it is for SKP Ch. 57 Rally
Reservations: Call the resort at 863-324-7400

Chapter 57 Fall Rally –Fall, 2023

When: November 6-10, 2023
Where: ?
Rally Hosts: Need Hosts
Site Fees: ? per night Be sure to say it is for the SKP Ch. 57 Rally
Reservations: Call the resort at

FUTURE ESCAPADES: <https://escapade.escapees.com>

When: March 19-24, 2023
Where: Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ

When: June 16-21, 2024
Where: Rock Springs, WY

When: March 16-21, 2025
Where: Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ

61st ESCAPADE CHAPTER ROW REPORT-June 19-24, 2022

From the Secretary: I had the privilege to represent Chapter 57 Sun Gators on “The Row” at 61st Escapade in Lebanon, TN in July. We arrived a day early to set up and the building was thankfully air conditioned. This was only my second Escapade and first time on “The Row”. We signed up eight new members to Chapter 57. What a wonderful opportunity to network with other chapters and promote Chapter 57. I realized that all Escapees chapters share similar goals and challenges. Growing and maintaining memberships, RV travel challenges with increasing costs of fuel and camping, and keeping members active in our chapters are some of our concerns. I also got to meet Jimmy and Lockie Sailor, our Chapter/BOF Directors. It was great getting to know them and realize how much work they do for all the chapters. I will update in more detail at our Fall Rally in Bushnell. I hope you will think about sitting on “The Row” in the future. It was a great experience.

Respectfully,
Rose Irons

62ND ESCAPADE- March 19-24, 2023

The Escapees Member News email that was received earlier headlined the announcement that registration for Escapade 2023 will open on September 20!

While this means that it's still too early to get signed up for Escapade, it's not too early to be thinking about representing Chapter 57 on the ROW. Please contact our president Nate if you are interested.

There are two documents posted on our website to provide you with more information of days, times, etc. for the ROW.

SKP ACRE Rally – 2023

When: April 14-21, 2023 (Boot Camp April 21-23, 2023)

Where: Coastal Georgia RV Resort, Brunswick, GA – 50 sites are set aside for the ACRE Rally & 30 sites for Boot Camp

(For further information on this rally, go to <https://skpacre.weebly.com>).

Escapees Boot Camp - <https://www.escapees.com/community-calendar/category/rvers-boot-camp/>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

ESCAPEES SUNGATORS CHAPTER 57 FALL RALLY 2022

November 6-10, 2022

Paradise Oaks RV Resort

4628 CR 475, Bushnell, Florida 33513

Telephone: 352.793.1823

*****Rates for coming in early or leaving late will be at the regular daily rate of \$70. Paradise Oaks said that they have a Rally before and after our booking. So, if we came in a day early we would have to park at another site and move.*****

REMINDER: Please bring table service and drinks to each meal. All activities will be in the clubhouse behind/attached to the office, across from the pool. RALLY FEE TO BE DETERMINED CLOSER TO EVENT. Rally Hostesses are Linda Ward, Carina Cardarelli, Susan King.

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Noon	Paradise Oaks check in time
1-3 PM	Rally signup sheets (volunteering, pot luck, etc) available in Club House
3-4 PM	Rally registration open (clubhouse behind (attached to) office, across from pool)
4-5 PM	Social Hour/Sharing for CARE
5:30 PM	Welcome, announcements, adoptions followed by Pizza Dinner (BYOB)
6:30 PM	An evening with the General. (Rick Weil)

Monday, November 7, 2022

8-9 AM	Pancake Breakfast
9:30	Business Meeting with elections (Vice President & Treasurer)
10:30 AM	Thrifting with Linda (after business meeting) Lunch on your own
1-3 PM	Dade Battlefield Historic State Park tour. Sign up at registration.
4-5 PM	Social Hour/Sharing For CARE
5:30 PM	Potluck Dinner, signup sheet at registration
7 PM	Guys and Dolls trivia party (after potluck and clean up)

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

8-9 AM	Coffee and Continental Breakfast
11:00 AM	Leave for Whispering Oaks Winery wine tour, lunch, and tasting <u>Need to pre-register & pay prior to rally with Linda Ward by October 23rd, see her instructions</u>
4-5 PM	Social Hour/ Sharing for CARE Dinner on your own
7 PM	Evening entertainment by Chapter 57's very own Rich LaFrate

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

8-9 AM	Coffee and Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM	Leave for Bushnell Train Museum (lunch included) <u>Need to pre-register & pay prior to rally with Linda Ward by October 23rd, see her instructions</u>
4-5 PM	Social Hour/Sharing for CARE
6:00 PM	Farewell Fiesta Dinner, El Sol De Mexico bar & grill

Thursday, November 10, 2022

8 AM	Coffee and Continental Breakfast before we hitch up
11 AM	Paradise Oaks check-out time

FAREWELL, SKP HUGS, AND SAFE TRAVELS

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE
FALL ESCAPEES CH. 57 RALLY
NOVEMBER 6-10, 2022
AT PARADISE OAKS, BUSHNELL, FLORIDA

I am excited to share 2 upcoming events during our Nov 6th - 10th rally at Paradise Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, FL. Events are open to all Escapee members whether attending the rally or not.

The first is a tour, wine tasting and luncheon at Whispering Oaks Winery in Oxford, FL www.winesofflorida.com on Tuesday, Nov 8th at 11:30. Cost is \$25 per person and includes all taxes and tip.

Choice of 5 menu options is:

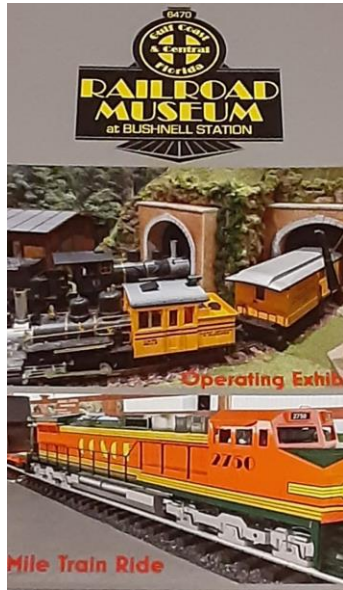
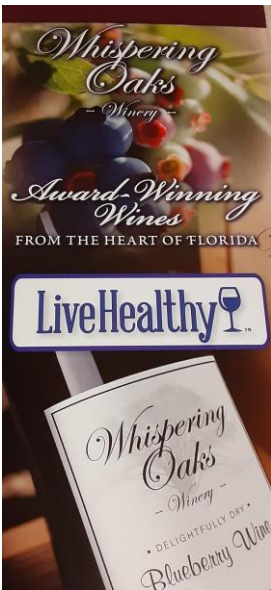
Chicken Salad Wrap with Potato Salad
Chicken Caesar Salad
Margarita Flatbread
Smokehouse Flatbread
Ahi Tuna Appetizer
Drinks not included.

The second is on Wednesday, Nov 9th at the Gulf Coast & Central Florida Railroad Museum www.BushnellStation.com Bushnell, FL at 11. We will have a private tour, train ride and light lunch consisting of a Nathan's All Beef Hot Dog, chips, pickle and drink. Cost is \$12 per person.

Pre-registration and **pre-payment** are required by **October 23rd**. Contact Linda Ward at 239-770-8412 with questions. If attending the winery luncheon, please indicate your choice of entree. Make checks payable to Linda Ward and mail to:

Linda Ward
Sumter Oaks RV Park Lot 3
4602 CR 673
Bushnell, FL 33513

Looking forward to a great time!!



HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY & THANKSGIVING!

Nominating Committee Request to Escapees Chapter 57 Membership

On behalf of your Escapees Florida Sun Gators officers, we are asking for volunteers for a nominating committee for our upcoming election of Vice President and Treasurer at our Fall Rally. The nomination committee helps to identify the best candidates for different officer positions. Listed below is a summary of the job descriptions for Vice President and Treasurer as listed in the Escapees Officers Handbook.

Vice President:

1. Appoint, elect, or retain wagon master, unless you plan to perform the duties yourself.
2. Appoint, elect, or retain membership chairperson, unless a part of the Treasurer's duties or you plan to do yourself.
3. Ensure the Chapter/C-BOF financial records are audited before the new Treasurer receives the books. Vice President ensures that Treasurers Annual Report is sent to Chapter Directors.

Treasurer:

1. The chapter treasurer maintains the financial records of the chapter.
2. Ensure the Chapter/C-BOF financial records are audited annually BEFORE the new officers are installed.
3. Maintains primary ownership of chapter bank account, including reconciling of account with the bank statement. The president, secretary, and treasurer should be authorized to sign checks. The bank requires ID's for each (driver's license, social security number) and copy of the minutes stating that each was duly elected.
4. Timely deposits of all money in bank account.
5. Pay authorized bills in a timely manner.
6. Create a financial report and present at each Chapter and Executive board meetings.
7. Sign up new members and collect appropriate fees.
8. Maintains membership database with current members contact information.

9. A 990 worksheet shall be completed and mailed to National Escapees by January 31 each year. This is to keep our chapter in compliance with IRS rules regarding organizations.

If you would be willing to serve on the nominating committee, please contact Rose Irons by text or email for more detailed information. Rose Irons 239.896.3799/ggshirkey@yahoo.com.

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Lynn Lunde, Nathan Colter & Steve Melton w/his antique tractor

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