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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Chapter 57 Florida Sun Gators Escapees. Welcome all new members and those who attended our monthly luncheon/meeting for the first time.

Hope you enjoyed yourself.

A special thanks to Larry & Gayla Carr for volunteering to host our Spring Rally at Morningside RV Estates, Dade City, Florida April 4-8, 2022. Hostesses are needed for our Spring Rally April 10-14, 2023 and Fall Rally November 6-10, 2023 check your calendars. (YOU CHOOSE THE PARK).

Stay safe, healthy and keep enjoying your life.

SKP HUGS

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Minutes of the Business Meeting for Escapees Chapter 57

The current Minutes of the Meeting Report was listed in the Winter 2021 Gator Tales by Secretary Rose Irons.

Treasurer's Report – 12/01/2021 – 02/28/2022

Escapees Chapter 57, Florida Sun Gators

11/30/21, Balance from Prior Report			
Income:			
	Dues	\$70.00	
<u>Total Income:</u>			\$ 70.00
Expenses:			
	Newsletter	\$5.03	
<u>Total Expenses:</u>			\$ 5.03
02/28/2022 Bank Statement Balance			
			\$ 252.00
Unearned Dues			
02/28/2022 Available Funds			\$2,729.86
Unearned Dues:			
2023			\$ 124.00
2024			\$ 64.00
2025			\$ 40.00
2026			\$ 24.00
			\$ 252.00

From the Treasurer ---

An email was sent to those owing their 2022 chapter dues in February. Currently there are 6 members that need to renew chapter membership and 5 that need to update their Escapees Club membership. Many of our members have been removed from our roster because their Escapees Club membership has expired.

Chapter 57 By-laws state:

Membership in this Chapter is open to all current members of the Escapees Club. and Any member whose dues are not paid by April 1 shall be suspended from the Chapter rolls. Any member whose dues are more than one year in arrears shall be dropped from the Chapter rolls. Feel free to contact me on your membership status at: gator57banker@gmail.com. Emails are checked at least once a day.

Dues should be mailed to:

Florida Sun Gators Chapter 57
c/o Debby Thompson, Treasurer
411 Walnut St #6878
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

*Address is a mail forwarding service, so your payment may not be processed immediately.

A Note From Our Webmaster Debby Thompson:

Website input or corrections can be sent to sungators57@gmail.com. Anything underlined is a link that will open an email, document, or link. If the link does not work, you may need to scroll down a bit and try it again.

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

OR

Log in to: escapees.com; click "Chapters" in the "Popular Directories" box. 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!**

A current roster dated 3/1/2022 is now on the website under "Members" tab. The password to members section is [REDACTED]



Sunshine Report

I have sent out too many cards since the last newsletter. I have sent get well cards to Don Monat (12/8), Frank Simon (1/20), Glenna Watson (1/27) and Morgan Damon (2/8). Sadly I had to send a sympathy card to Gene Watson on 2/22 for Glenna's passing. She will be greatly missed by the chapter.

Please let me know of the need for sympathy or get-well cards in the chapter. I can be contacted by email at mforbes37796@gmail.com or by phone or text at 352-552-0132. Have a good summer and please stay healthy.

SKP Hugs,

Marilyn Forbes, Sunshine Lady

The Surprising History of the Easter Bunny: How the Tradition Began Origins of this tradition can be traced back to the year 300.

By Author: Emily VanSchmus (Updated February 04, 2021)

On Easter Sunday, children across the globe wake up to find their baskets filled with chocolate eggs, small toys, and other Easter basket fillers. And while I was never one to question a basket full of goodies as a child, I know now that there

is no magical bunny that hops around filling children's Easter baskets with candy and toys. But while the Easter bunny technically isn't real, the tradition is very much alive, thanks to sneaky parents who have been filling the baskets for more than 300 years.

As an adult, especially now that I'm preparing for a small Easter dinner this year, I started wondering how an egg-laying rabbit came to be associated with the Christian holiday of Easter. Some people (myself included) have wondered why Easter's figure is a rabbit and not a chicken, which actually does lay eggs (even if they typically don't come out dyed and decorated). And while the exact origins of the Easter bunny aren't easy to pinpoint, there is actually a solid historical reason that the mythical creature is a rabbit.

Rabbits and hares have long been associated with springtime celebrations. As far back as the fourth century, early pagans celebrated the renewal of life that came with springtime and the vernal equinox. The symbol of their celebration was the goddess of dawn and fertility, Eostre, who was typically represented in art by the symbol of a rabbit or an egg. As Christianity spread across Europe in the Middle Ages (around the year 500), the timing of this springtime observance coincided with Easter, so the two celebrations merged into one.

Even though rabbits and eggs have long been associated with Easter, the egg-laying, chocolate-delivering Easter bunny as we know it doesn't appear in history until much later. In the 1600s, a legend of a rabbit called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws" (which translates to 'Easter hare') was said to lay colorful eggs for children to



find on Easter Sunday. When the first Europeans arrived in America a hundred years later, the tradition came with them. Children would make their own nests or baskets in the week leading up to Easter, and then the Osterhase would leave eggs for them. And so the tradition of making and filling Easter baskets was born.

So whether you're the recipient of an Easter basket or playing the role of the Easter bunny this year, you can thank the 'Osterhase' and the long history of the Easter bunny for giving us the excuse to eat a few extra jelly beans this season.

Escapade Row Reps!



Thank you Bennit & Bea Mason for volunteering to man the ROW for Chapter 57 at the 61st Escapade

POT LUCK PAGE

Valentine's Green Bean Recipe

(Contributed by Deb Mowers)

Serves 4-6

Fresh green beans blanched and cooled.

Drizzle of olive oil

1 Tablespoon of butter

1 Tablespoon of minced onion

1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

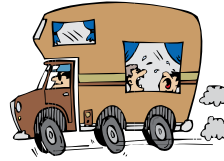
1/2 Cup cherry tomatoes cut in half

Heat olive oil and butter. Add green beans, onion, garlic, and tomatoes. Heat until hot and beans are tender crisp. Enjoy





HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!



MEMBER NEWS AND TRAVELS

Larry & Gayla Carr:

New member Gayla Carr has a birthday March 17th.
Larry and Gayla Carr will celebrate 41 years on March 11.
(Editor's Note: Congratulations!)



Lynn & Becky Lunde:

2022 has been very busy for us. In January we attended the 4-Day Tampa Super Show enjoying donuts every morning and entertainment at night. While at the rally we purchased a new Jupiter electric assist bicycle. It



was purchased from Kracken Adventure Bikes. It has small tires and folds up small enough to put inside our car. (That's the bike in the bag in picture on right). The torque is amazing. It has three speeds you can travel; 10 mph, 13 mph, and 16 mph. It has a digital display to set the speeds. A very important point to remember is if you want to walk the bike, you must turn off the display. Otherwise, the bike will take off without you! You can also just pedal the bike as a regular bike with no speeds.



In February we spent 7 days at the FMCA Rally at the Lakeland Airport. Three of those days we taught line dancing. We enjoyed seminars and great entertainment. Our next rally will be the SKP Ch. 57 in April at Morningside in Dade City. After this rally we have two days to get to the Holiday Rambler State Rally in Madison, FL off I-10. We are taking a rally break after that until the Escapade in June in Lebanon, TN where we will be teaching line dancing. We are excited

about this planned travel. Providing gas prices do not get too crazy, we hope to continue farther north to visit Becky's family in IN, and to attend the 100th birthday of Lynn's cousin in MI. We hope whatever your plans are for 2022 will be enjoyable. Have a great 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 the newsletter the best it can be, please email me articles on where you have been or where you are going. Send me articles on how to fix poems. In other words, I need your input, and would the Gator Tales to me via email (lblunde@aol.com). collage, or cropped for space. JPG format is preferred. I issue. I look forward to receiving lots of are March 15th, September 15th, and December 15. Thank you for your participation. I hope you enjoy this issue.



things on your RV. Send me funny articles or really appreciate it. Please submit any articles for Pictures are welcome and may be used in a will attempt to include all articles in the current articles from everyone. The newsletter deadlines

Becky Lunde

Thank you to all who submitted articles for this issue!

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Redneck Mini Blinds, no need to clean or dust em . Just tear off and toss away.



NURSE CAME IN AND SAID DOC, THERE'S A MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM WHO THINKS HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM? THE DOCTOR SAID TELL HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY.

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine!



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 Spring Rally –April, 2022

When: April 4-8, 2022
Where: Morningside RV Estates, 12645 Morning Drive, Dade City, FL 33525
Rally Hosts: Larry & Gayla Carr (Rally flyer is listed below & on website)
Site Fees: \$35.00 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 352-523-1922
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 including 2 days each side of rally
Reservations: Call the resort at 352-793-1823

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

When: June 19-24, 2022 (Registration is Open)
Where: Wilson County Fairgrounds, 945 E. Baddour Pkwy., Lebanon, TN 37087
When: 2023
Where: Tucson, AZ

SKP ACRE Rally – April 18-24, 2022

When: April 18-24, 2022 (Boot Camp April 15-17, 2022)
Where: River Vista Mountain Village, Dillard, GA

(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/>

Chapter 57 Membership Application

Please complete the information below. Then give or send to, along with cash or your check made out to: "Florida Sun Gators Chapter 57", to Treasurer: Debby Thompson, 411 Walnut Street #6878, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-3443.

Please Print Clearly: Checks payable to Sun Gators Ch. 57

Name(s): _____ SKP #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Telephone No(s): _____

Check all that apply: _____ RENEWAL, or _____ NEW _____ \$5 one-year membership _____ \$20
five year membership

ESCAPEES SUNGATORS CHAPTER 57 SPRING RALLY 2022

April 4-8, 2022 (This rally flyer is also on the web site)

Morningside RV Estates
12645 Morning Drive Dade City, Florida 33525
Telephone: 352.523.1922

REMINDER: Please bring table service and drinks to each meal. All activities will be in small clubhouse next to office. RALLY FEE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT REGISTRATION. Rally Hosts are Larry and Gayla Carr.

Monday April 4, 2022

1-4 PM Registration in clubhouse and volunteer sign up
4-5 PM Social Hour and Welcome (Bring snacks to share)
Dinner on Own
7 PM Cards and Games in clubhouse

Tuesday April 5, 2022

8-9 AM Coffee and Continental Breakfast
9 AM Adoptions
10 AM Flea Market at Zephyrhills for those interested
12-4 PM Free Time
4 PM Social Hour/Sharing For CARE
6 PM Potluck Dinner
7 PM Steve Milton will entertain with delightful Cowboy Stories and Poetry

Wednesday April 6, 2022

8-9 AM Coffee and Doughnuts/Biscuits and Gravy
9:30 AM Chapter 57 Business Meeting
12-4 PM Free time. Stroll Downtown Dade City to shop, visit Courthouse. There are many places to enjoy lunch.
4 PM Social Hour/ Sharing for CARE
6 PM Group Dinner at Fresh Country Café, Zephyrhills

Thursday April 7, 2022

8 AM Coffee and Continental Breakfast
11 AM Sungators Lunch at Golden Corral Zephyrhills
1 PM Visit Steve Milton's Museum
4 PM Social Hour/Sharing for CARE
Dinner on Own
7 PM Cards and Games

Friday April 8, 2022

8 AM Continental Breakfast before we hitch up

FAREWELL SKP HUGS AND SAFE TRAVELS

MARCH ESCAPEES LUNCH PICTURES AT GOLDEN CORRAL IN ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA We had 38 SKP's in attendance!





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Next Newsletter Deadline

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
