



Seasons Greetings



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FLORIDA SUN GATORS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Ch.57 Escapees! Thank you to all for attending our fall rally at Paradise Oaks. Welcome new members Nick Simon, Dianne Lowe and former Escapees George & Susan Young.

To the hosts Linda Ward, Susan & Dennis King for a fantastic job, thank you!

Mr. Rick Weil his presentation and donation to Care, thank you!

Ch. 57 member Mr. Rich Lafrate for entertaining the folks under the stars.

Thank you Rich.

The Vice President position is still open.

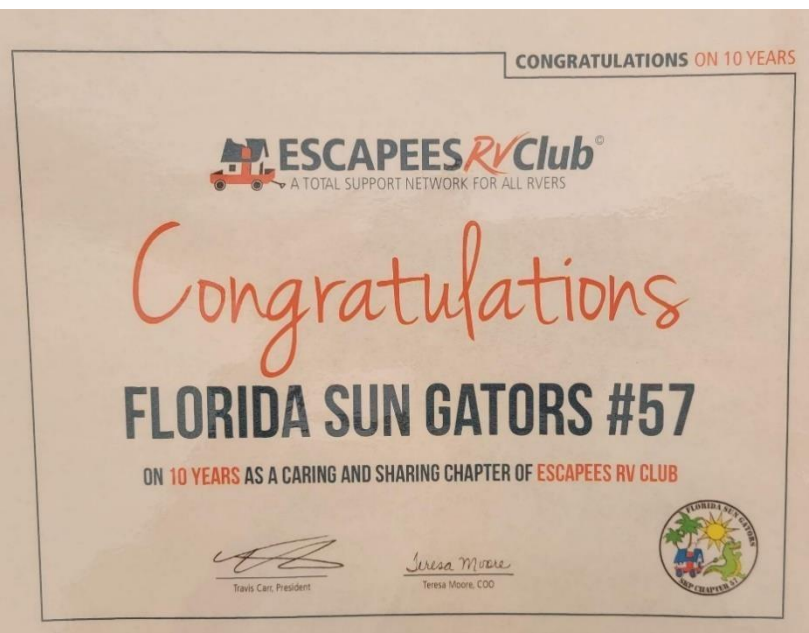
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

KEEP SAFE AND CONTINUE TO ENJOY LIFE

See you down the road

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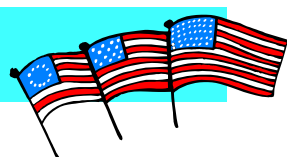
This certificate was presented to the Chapter by our Vice President Judy Hoffman during our Chapter meeting.

Congratulations to everyone!



Time to Celebrate!!!

Minutes of the Business Meeting for Escapees Chapter 57 Sun Gators



The Business Meeting was called to order at 09:30 November 7, 2022 by Nathan Colter, President. Introduction of Officers: Nathan Colter, President; Judy Hoffman, Vice-President; Rose Irons, Secretary; and Debby Thompson, Treasurer. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nathan Colter followed by a moment of silence in respect to all our first responders. Vice President Report: Judy Hoffman presented a Congratulations Certificate for 10 years of service for Caring and Sharing with Escapees RV Club. Certificate signed by Travis Carr, President and Teresa Moore, COO. Secretary Report: Minutes from last business meeting in April 2022 emailed to members, on website, and in Gator Tales Newsletter. No questions or corrections noted. Motion to accept Secretary Report by Chick Thompson, second by John McKean. Motion carried. Rose Irons reminded everyone to please contact her or Debby Thompson with any change in address, email or phone number. Treasurers Report: Debby Thompson reported that Treasurers Report was emailed to members and posted on webpage and Gator Tales Newsletter. No questions or corrections noted. Motion to accept Treasurers Report made by Chick Thompson, Second by Becky Lunde. Motion carried. Annual Audit was done by Treasurer and members

Judy Hoffman, Rose Irons, and Nathan Colter as required by Escapees RV Club. Sunshine Report: Marilyn Forbes sent out three get well cards since last meeting and read an appreciation card from Dick Hoelzel. Please contact Marilyn with information about illness or loss in Chapter 57. Facebook and RV Village: Chick Thompson informed us that Facebook page is now private again. New members requesting access, must answer two questions: 1. SKP number 2. Where you joined. Gator Tales: Becky Lunde reminded everyone next Gator Tales deadline is December 15th. Please send stories, pictures, recipes, and articles of interest to Becky. Old Business: No old business was presented. New Business: Rose and Dave Irons represented Chapter 57 at Escapade this year. In past years, we have compensated Row Reps by paying for camping fees. In reviewing our Bylaws, there is no written documentation that we are required to do this but an apparent verbal understanding as an incentive for volunteers. It has been noted in older minutes that Chapter 57 would pay camping fees. When row representation first started, it was a full week and 9-5 commitment. Currently, Row Reps are required to come in a day early for setup, but time spent on The Row has been drastically reduced. Average time on ROW is 9-2 and only 3 days. Floor discussion followed on best and fair way to encourage volunteers and compensation for their commitment to Chapter 57. Chick Thompson made a motion to pay 50% of camping fees for whatever site they choose (full hook-up, water & electric, or dry camping). This would include early arrival as required for setup. Compensation would also include expenses to decorate Row table and information about Chapter 57. Second, by Lynn Lunde. Motion carried. Nathan Colter asked members to promote Chapter 57 whenever possible. Talk up Chapter 57 and give away old issues of Escapees Magazine and tell folks about our webpage and Facebook page. Election of Officers: Duties of Vice President reviewed. Judy Hoffman was thanked for her service as Vice President and given a round of applause. The floor was opened for nominations for Vice President. There were no volunteers for Vice President. Office will remain vacant. Treasurer: The floor was opened by nominations for Treasurer. Rose Irons nominated Debby Thompson and she accepted. A call for other nominations was asked three times. Motion to accept Debby Thompson for Treasurer for next two-year term made by Chick Thompson and second by John McKean. Motion carried. Several members asked about having more Escapades on the East Coast. It was noted that is very hard to find affordable and adequate accommodations. Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Irons
Secretary Chapter 57

From Your Treasurer ---

A current roster is attached to this Gator Tales. It will also be available on our website. Please review this information and let me know if there are any corrections that need to be made. Just a reminder:

Membership in this Chapter is open to all current members of the Escapees Club. (This means if your Escapees Club membership has expired, you cannot be a member of Chapter 57). It is that time of year to pay your Chapter 57 dues. If you owe for 2023, I will be sending reminders out end of the month. 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

I am pleased to announce the annual audit was completed at the November rally. Below is our current financial statement. Let me know if there are questions.

Escapees Chapter 57, Florida Sun Gators

Treasurer's Report 11/01/2022 - 11/30/2022

Treasurer's Report available to our members in Gator Tales Copy under
Members Tab on website.

From Your Facebook Administrator:

As discussed at our last meeting, our Facebook page has been changed from "public" to "private". Facebook had changed it to public. I was finally able to get it back to private. For New Members, this means to join our Facebook group/page two questions will need to be answered. They are simple questions and will not be "fact checked", but do need to be answered. I send a private message to those requesting to join but do not answer the questions to let them know the questions need to be answered. If no response is received the request is deleted. Let me know if you have questions.

From Your Webmaster:

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 have sent out 3 get-well cards since the last newsletter. They were all in October – Frank Halliday on the 3rd, Colleen Shervey on the 8th and Ralph Hosford on the 13th. I hope I haven't missed anyone.

If you know someone in need of a get-well or sympathy card, please let me know by email at mforbes37796@gmail.com or by text or phone at 352-552-0132. Have a happy holiday. I hope to see many of you at the next lunch.



SKP Hugs

Marilyn Forbes, Sunshine Lady

POT LUCK PAGE

Buttermilk Cinnamon Bread (From Becky's Kitchen!)

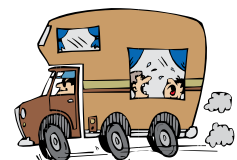
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| 4 Cups Flour | ½ Cup Veg. Oil like Canola |
| 2 tsp. Baking Soda | 2 ½ Cups Sugar – divided |
| 1 tsp. Salt | 2 Cups Buttermilk |
| 2 Eggs | 1 Tbsp. Cinnamon |
| ½ Cups Raisins (optional) | |



Combine dry ingredients (except Cinnamon). In another bowl combine oil and 1 ½ cups Sugar. Add buttermilk and eggs. Stir into dry ingredients. Fill two greased 8"x14" or five 5"x2" loaf pans about 1/3 full. Combine cinnamon and remaining sugar. Sprinkle half over batter. Top with remaining batter and cinnamon-sugar. Swirl batter with knife. Bake 350 for 45-55 min. Yield 2 loaves or 5 mini loaves. (Wrap cooled bread in foil and freeze up to 3 months). This recipe is delicious and easy to make. Since it makes two loaves, the second loaf can be used as a gift. Wrap it in foil, tie it in a pretty bow, and wah-la, you make someone very happy!

MEMBER NEWS AND TRAVELS

Lynn & Becky Lunde:



Some of you may remember former members John and Arlene Sheldon. On March 24, 2020 we visited John at his home. Arlene had passed away the year before. John looked great and is still full of energy. During our visit, we enjoyed reminiscing about good times with the Escapees chapter. On August 24, 2022, John celebrated his 100th birthday, and still going strong!

November has been a particularly busy month for us. We enjoyed a great SKP Ch. 57 Rally in Bushnell, FL. Thank you Linda Ward and all the volunteers. I guess Hurricane Nicole wanted to add even more excitement, so much so that we decided to leave the rally a day early. We didn't want any part of Nicole, so we drove to Rainbow Plantation the SKP Park in Summerdale, AL. It was a long drive, but we have friends there so we had a good time and remained safe. We are now back in FL and looking forward to Christmas and ringing in the New Year.

Don and Eleanor Monat: HANGING UP THE KEYS

I'm holding the "For Sale" sign in my hands. I can feel a tear welling up in my eye. How could all those years fly by so fast?

Let's see...how many years has it been? I think it's been about 30.

We saw so much. Met so many nice people, many of them were Escapees. Made so many memories.... like helping to build a bathroom for a little school in Mexico. Playing banjo at the Welcome Center in Tok Alaska.

Can't count all the Escapades we enjoyed...Chico CA, Van Wert OH, Harrisburg VA, Burlington VT, plus and plus. Don played banjo at all of the Escapades that we attended.

Some of the memories make me chuckle, like the time Don ran up to a lady in a parking lot and gave her a big hug because he thought she was an Escapee...she wasn't. He's lucky she didn't slug him. They both ended up laughing about the situation. Good thing she had a sense of humor.

So many good times swirling around in my head.

Yes...the keys have to go, but the memories will be with us as long as we are able to recall them. We'll have the biggest and the best scrapbook in the nursing home.

Thanks for the memories,

Don and Eleanor Monat



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 have been or where you are going. articles or poems. In other words, I articles for the Gator Tales to me via a collage, or cropped for space. JPG current issue.



newsletter the best it can be, please email me articles on where you Send me articles on how to fix things on your RV. Send me funny need your input, and would really appreciate it. Please submit any email (lblunde@aol.com). Pictures are welcome and may be used in format is preferred. I will attempt to include all articles in the

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.

articles from everyone. **The newsletter deadlines**

Becky Lunde Thank you to all who submitted articles for this issue!

JUST FOR LAUGHS

1. Dear Santa, This year all I ask is a Big Fat Bank Account and a Slim Body. don't mix up the two like you did last year.
2. How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas? He was hooked on whole life.
3. Who is a Christmas tree's favorite singer? Spruce Springsteen
4. What cars do elves drive? A Toy Yoda
5. How can you tell that Santa is real? You can always sense his presents!
6. What does Jack Frost like best about school? Snow and Tell!
7. Who delivers presents to cats and dogs? Santa Paws!



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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, 2023

When: April 10-14, 2023

Where: Cypress Campground, 7400 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33884

Rally Hosts: Rose Irons & Marilyn Forbes
Site Fees: Approx. \$40 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 – November, 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: Sweetwater Events Complex, Rock Springs, WY

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

SKP ACRE Registration Is Open!

SKP ACRE Rally – 2023

When: April 14-21, 2023 (Boot Camp April 21-23, 2023)
Where: Coastal Georgia RV Resort, 287 S. Port Pkwy., Brunswick, GA – 50 sites are set aside for the ACRE Rally & 30 sites for Boot Camp - Rally Fee \$75.00 per person. Make your own site reservation with the park at 912-264-3869.

(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/>

NEW CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

Wendy Stanwood will be taking over as the new Chapter/BOF Director on January 1st. She will be replacing Jimmy & Lockie Sailer.

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 President and Secretary at our Spring Rally. The nomination committee helps to identify the best candidates for different officer positions.

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.

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

ADOPTIONS FROM OUR FALL RALLY:



George & Susan Young Adopted by Dave & Rose Irons



Nick Simone & Dianne Lowe Adopted by Lynn & Becky Lunde

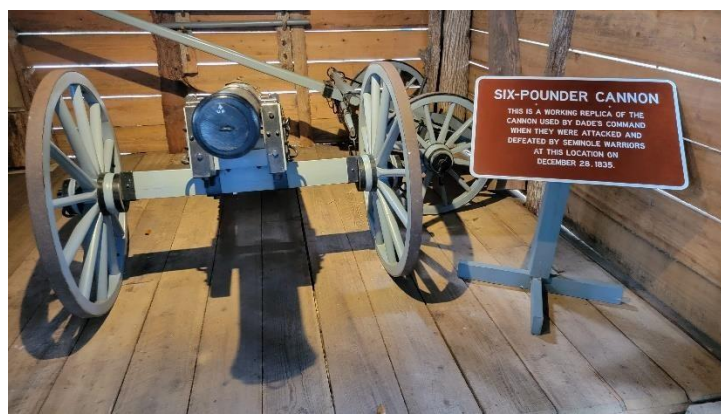
PICTURES FROM FALL RALLY:



Nice tour at this park in Bushnell



200 Year Old Tree at the state park!



Winery Tour



Lunch at Winery



Looks Like those smiling faces enjoyed the wine



The General (Rick Weil)



Nick Simone & Dianne Lowe with smooth dance moves!



Richard LaFrate entertaining us all!



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Press 1 & listen to Nathan Colter's message

Next Newsletter Deadline

MARCH 15, 2023
